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4 30	2 7	D	Wathar	D	0 23	22 0
6 30	2 47	A	Karegaon	D	23 22	20 20
......	2 55	D	Karegaon	A	23 17	.....
	7 17	D	Miraj	D	19 0	
	13 47	D	Belgaum	D	13 43	
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	1 28	D	Harihar	D	24 0	
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	21 19	D	Anantapur	D	3 26	
	22 39	D	Dharmavaram	D	2 11	
	2 9	D	Hindupur	D	23 11	
......	7 0	A	Bangalore	D	19 20	......
21 45	7 50	D	Bangalore	A	18 48	6 30
5 55	15 51	A	Mysore	D	10 32	22 0
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7 27	19 12	A	Nanjangud	D	8 40	20 0

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	22 6	D	Gadag	D	3 30	
	1 50	D	Haspet	D	23 17	
......	4 49	A	Bellary	D	20 11	......
15 44	5 4	D	Bellary	A	19 51	9 13
17 50	6 25	A	Guntakal	D	18 30	7 6

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4 8	D	Bagalkot	D	17 27
7 43	D	Telgi	D	15 15
11 15	D	Bijapur	D	13 7
15 15	A	Hotgi	D	8 40

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Mail.		Stations.		Mail.
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15 29	A	Castle Rock	D	10 32

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 5h. 23m. Sun sets, 6h. 31m. High water, 2-58m., 3-31a. Low water, 8-45m., 10-16a.
Dance, Caledonia Club, Mazagon, 9 p.m.
Music at the St. George's Hospital, 5 p.m.

A COSTLY BATH.—Toolsidas Deoji, residing at Tardeo Road, has reported to the police the theft of three gold ornaments set with pearls, valued at Rs. 190, from the parapet wall of a well, where his wife had placed them while bathing.

SUBSIDENCE OF A ROAD.—The road near the Chowpatty Level Crossing, east side, has sunk owing to its having been recently excavated. The matter is engaging the attention of the Engineering Department of the Municipality.

ARYAN SOCIAL UNION.—Under the auspices of this union, Professor N. G. Velinkar, M.A., LL.B., will deliver a lecture on "Good Citizenship, its duties and responsibilities," at the Arya Samaj Hall, Girgaum, at 5-30 p.m., to-morrow (Saturday). Mr. D. Gostling will preside.

ACCIDENT ON BOARD A STEAMER.—Hurri Hanmanta, aged thirty years, a day labourer, employed on board the steam-ship Onipenta, now lying in the harbour, was, on the evening of the 24th instant, going up a ladder on board the steamer, when his foot slipped and he fell into the lower hold, fracturing his right thigh. He was removed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he has been detained for treatment.

BURGLARY AT KAZEE SYED STREET.—Mahadeoji Lalji, residing at Kazee Syed Street, has reported to the police that during his absence from home on business, on Wednesday last, between the hours of 2 and 7-30 p.m., his room was broken into, the lock on the door having been wrenched off, and gold and silver ornaments, of the aggregate value of Rs. 345, were stolen from a cupboard, which was also found to have been broken open.

MUSIC AT THE ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry, under the direction of Bandmaster A. Mallandaine, will play the following programme at the St. George's Hospital this evening at 5 o'clock.—

March	Souvenir de Belle-Alliance	Latann
Overture	Sunlight and Shade	Parker
Japanese Mazurka	La Mausme	Ganno
Walzer	An der schonen Blauen—Donau	Strauss
Reminiscences of Offenbach		Winterbottom
Galop	Vivacity	Coraglio

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

NOTICES TO MARINERS.—The following notice to mariners, dated 13th May, has been received from the Agent to the West of India Portuguese Guaranteed Railway Company:—"Black Can Buoy marking 'Marmagao Rock.' This will be removed about the end of May. Red light on end of breakwater. This will be discontinued when the monsoon sets in. Both will be replaced after the monsoon." The following notice to mariners has been published:—"India—Bay of Bengal—Gulf of Martaban. Moulmein River entrance—Exhibition of Ahmerst Point Light further postponed. Telegraphic information has been received from the Port Officer, Rangoon, dated 12th instant, that the exhibition of the Ahmerst Point (Pilot Station) Light is further postponed to end of June 1898."

THE J. N. PETIT INSTITUTE.—Bai Dinbai Petit, who has paid Rs. 2,50,000 for the establishment of the J. N. Petit Institute for perpetuating the memory of her late lamented son, Mr. Jamsetjee Petit, has presented to the library of the institute the whole of the book collection (about five hundred standard English and Gujerati works) belonging to Mr. Jamsetjee Petit. He was a patron of the library and took a deep interest in the institution during his life time. The committee of the institute, in acknowledging the receipt of the collection of valuable books, have thanked Bai Dinbai Petit for the present, and have also taken the opportunity to further thank her for building and endowing the institute at the total cost of Rs. 2,50,000. The institute, which is situated in Hornby Row, has now on its rolls about twelve hundred members.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY ENTERTAINMENT AT DADUR.—The annual entertainment of the Dadur Victoria Social Club, in honour of her Majesty the Queen-Empress' Birthday, came off, on Monday evening, in a mandap specially erected for the occasion at Dadur. From an early hour in the morning the work of decorating the mandap and its approaches was going on; and in the evening as the guests began to come in, the structure looked at its best, the portrait of her Majesty the Queen standing out in bold relief. In proposing the toast of the evening, the president of the club briefly reviewed the great and glorious reign of her Majesty the Queen, and called upon every one present to join him in the wish, "May the Queen live long." This they did, the band striking up the National Anthem. Dancing began punctually at 9 o'clock, and was kept up with vigour till next morning. On the Queen's Birthday the members, with their families, spent a pleasant evening in the mandap. Mr. Vanderhide's well chosen songs and airs on the guitar delighted the members greatly.

A TRIP TO MADRAS.—Before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Charles John Green, an European, aged forty-five years, lately an engine driver, was charged at the instance of Inspector Sheehy with failing to return to the Workhouse. The accused was declared a vagrant on the 5th January last, and was ordered to be sent to the workhouse by the same magistrate. Subsequently Green obtained leave from the governor of the workhouse on the pretence of going in search of some employment, promising to return in due course. He did not fulfil his promise, and the governor reported the matter to the police, who arrested him on Tuesday last. The accused in his defence stated that after obtaining leave from the workhouse he went to Madras, where he took ill and was detained in a hospital for treatment. He returned to Bombay on Tuesday last and surrendered himself up to the police. The magistrate sentenced the accused to one month's rigorous imprisonment.

THEFTS ON BOARD A STEAMER.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Baba Vithoo was charged with stealing a pair of brown leather boots, belonging to Mr. William Harvey, a steward of the P. and O. s. s. Caledonia, now lying in the Victoria Dock. It appeared that the accused, who was a cobbler, went on board the steamer, and was given the pair of boots by the complainant to mend. The accused took them away, but returning some time after told the complainant that the boots had been stolen by a man on board a cargo steamer that had since left the port. In replying to the magistrate the accused offered to make good the loss and he was ordered to be released on paying Rs. 16 to the complainant as compensation.—Karl Rodrigues Frank Rodrigues, an oilman on board the same steamer, was then charged with stealing a China tea set, of the value of Rs. 11, belonging to another steward, named W. J. Tasker. The accused on being found guilty was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

EXCITING CARRIAGE ACCIDENT IN THE FORT.—About half-past 7 o'clock, last evening, Mr. Rustomji Framji, confectioner of the Royal Bakery, was, in company of two of his friends and a child, being driven home from the Bandstand in his carriage and pair, when opposite Church Gate station one of the wheels of the carriage suddenly came out. The horses took fright at the accident and commenced bolting towards the General Post Office. The two friends jumped out, and the child was gently dropped. The coachman was thrown off the box, but Mr. Rustomjee remained in the carriage, calling out for assistance, while the horses were dragging it along the road. On arriving near the Post Office, the carriage dashed against the footpath, and the frightened animals were brought to a standstill. A large crowd collected, and the horses were unyoked. The carriage was considerably damaged, and two of its occupants sustained slight injury, but Mr. Rustomji and the child escaped unhurt.

CONCERT AT COLABA.—On Tuesday, writes a Non-Commissioned Officer, the R. A. Dramatic Club gave a concert in the R. A. Lecture Hall, Colaba, putting forth a strong and varied programme. The house was very full, the visitors including several ladies. The first item was a solo, "Peacefully Dreaming," by the pianist, T. Carpenter following with one of his eccentric songs, "With my terrible left and right," which caused roars of laughter. T. Bettsworth next gave in creditable style "Hands across the Sea," meeting with deserved success. G. Herrod sang in his usual dashing style "He was a pet of mine," also "We sang a jolly old chrous song," E. Bettsworth next rendering in a fine baritone voice "Under the shadows of old St. Pauls," meeting with loud applause. Next followed W. Flower with a coster song, "The Lord of Barnet Fair," bringing down the house, followed by "The fellow that played the drum." The Brothers Malone then sang and danced in real Hiberian style, the dancing being neat and effective. A. Spence next gave in a sweet tenor voice "Sweet Mary," also "Mona," receiving loud applause. T. Carpenter gave an eccentric musical tune," which was both novel and original. The programme was brought to a close with that screaming sketch, "Fun in a barrack room."

PILOTAGE BYE LAWS.—The following bye-law made by the Trustees of the Port of Bombay in substitution of Bye-law No. 3 of the Pilotage Bye-laws is published for the information of all persons whom it may concern:—"At the Outer Station."—The Master Pilot shall have charge of the schooner and the control of the tender vessel and pilots at the outer station and be personally responsible for the maintenance of good order and proper discipline on the station. He will check all unfriendly altercation, unseemly conduct, and other breach of good order and discipline, and log any one offending or guilty of disobedience to his orders in this respect or of disrespect to his authority in the performance of his duties. A copy of such entry in the log shall be read out to the offender in the presence of one or more pilots on the station and shall be forwarded to the Port Officer by the first opportunity with a certificate that it has been so read out. All or any of the pilots on the station who, at the time when such extract is read out, signify their intention to do so may forward separate reports on the circumstances of the case to the Port Officer through the Master Pilot, or, if no remarks are offered by any of them, the charge will be considered admitted or proved, and the offender reported to the Chairman, Bombay Port Trust, for such action under Section 72 (b), Bombay Port Trust Act, as may be considered necessary by the Board. The Master Pilot shall be responsible and use his utmost endeavours to supply pilots to in-bound, and to receive pilots from out-bound, vessels. He shall keep such complement of pilots on board the schooner as may be ordered from time to time and arrange for the return to the harbour of others not required. He shall remain on his station for such periods as may be ordered, leaving it (unless under exceptional circumstances) only when relieved by another Master Pilot in the fair season, or during the S. W. Monsoon when relieved by another vessel."

CROP AND SEASON REPORTS.

THE following Season Reports for the week ending 24th May were published in yesterdays "Government Gazette":—

Karachi.—River at Kotri on 23rd May 11 feet 2 inches against 12 feet 4 inches on same date last year. Division of rabi crops is progressing. Adawah crops are flourishing. Preparations and sowings for the ensuing kharif season are progressing. There was rain in five talukas; maximum 24 cents in Sehwan. Locusts appeared in Dadu and Johi, but caused no damage. The agricultural stock are healthy. Fodder is scarce in Kohistan. Prices of food-grains are steady.

Shikarpur.—River 5 feet 8 inches against 7 feet on same date last year. Threshing of rabi crops continues. Locusts appeared in one taluka, but caused no damage. There was rain in six talukas, the average being 10 cents. Fodder is sufficient.

Hyderabad.—Harvesting of rabi crops continues in six talukas and has been completed in six others. Preparations for the ensuing kharif season are progressing in eight talukas. The cattle are in fair condition. The rainfall measured 10 cents at Hyderabad and 9 cents each at Moro and Hala.

Upper Sind Frontier.—Harvesting of rabi crops has been almost completed. Fodder is sufficient. The price of jowari has risen by 4 chataks and that of wheat has fallen by 2 chataks per rupee.

Thar and Parkar.—There was rain throughout the district except at Khipra: maximum 1 inch 27 cents at Mitti and minimum 17 cents at Nagar. Preparations for kharif cultivation are progressing in the Nara Valley talukas. The prices of rice and bajri are 17 1-2 and 17 seers respectively per rupee.

Ahmedabad—(For week ending 21st May 1898).—The rainfall measured 23 cents at Modasa. Preparation of land for the next season is progressing. The price of jowari is 16 seers 8 chataks, of bajri 15 seers, of wheat 10 seers 4 chataks, and of rice, second sort., 8 seers per rupee.

Panch Mahals.—Manuring of lands is progressing. The agricultural stock are in good condition. The supply of fodder is sufficient. The price of maize has fallen in Godhra from 20 to 21 seers per rupee, and that of bajri has risen in Halol from 17 to 18 seers per rupee.

Kaira.—(For week ending 23rd May 1898).—Rabi crops are being reaped. Land is being prepared for the next season. The supply of fodder is sufficient. The agricultural stock are healthy. The average price of bajri is 16 seers, of wheat 10 seers, and of rice 9 seers per rupee.

Broach.—Land is being prepared for the next season. The condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock is good. The average prices of food-grains are as follows:—

	Past week. Seers.	Past week. Chataks.	Present week. Seers.	Present week. Chataks.
Wheat	10	0	9	13
Bajri	13	12	13	12
Pulse	11	7	11	0
Jowari	15	12	15	12
Rice	9	12	9	4

Surat.—Preparation of land for the ensuing season is in progress. The supply of fodder is sufficient and the condition of the agricultural stock is good. The price of jowari has fallen, being 16 seers 3 chataks against 15 seers 12 chataks during the last week. The prices of other food-grains are stationary.

Khandesh.—The rainfall during the week measured 26 cents at Raver, 42 cents at Yaval and 28 cents at Bhadgaon. Threshing of kharif and rabi crops continues in three talukas. Preparation of land for the next season is in progress throughout the district. The condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock is good. The prices of wheat and rice have fallen, while those of bajri and jowari have slightly risen.

Nasik.—Threshing of rabi crops and the preparation of land for the ensuing kharif season are in progress almost throughout the district. The condition of fodder supply and agricultural stock is good. The prices of food-grains are stationary.

Colaba (Bombay).—Abnormal temperature 1° warm throughout the week. Vapour in air normal on 18th and 19th and excessive from 20th to 24th. Abnormal wind northerly from 19th to 23rd: wind normal on 18th and 24th. Distant lightning on 23rd and 24th.

Thana.—Rab-burning continues. Repairs to field embankments are in progress. The prices of rice, second sort, in seers per rupee are 12 at Kalyan, 11 at Vada, 10 3-4 at Murbad, 10 at Thana, Dahanu, Umbargaon and Bassein, 9 3-4 at Bhiwndi and 9 at Shahapur.

Kolaba.—Rab-burning and repairing of field embankments have been nearly completed. The price of rice at Alibag is 9 seers 20 tolas per rupee. The price of rice has risen at Pen and Khalapur by 45 and 40 tolas respectively; elsewhere it is stationary. The supply of fodder is sufficient. The agricultural stock are healthy.

Ratnagiri.—Rab-burning has been almost completed. The cattle are healthy except in Sangameshvar. The supply of fodder is sufficient. The prices of food-grains have slightly risen at Sangameshvar; elsewhere they are stationary.

Admednagar.—The rainfall during the week measured 8 cents at Nagar. Preparation of land for the next season continues. The supply of folder is sufficient. The agricultural stock are healthy. The average price of the principal food-grains is 17 seers 7 tolas per rupee.

Sholapur.—The rainfall during the week was at Barsi 10 cents, at Sangola 23 cents and at Malsiras 23 cents. Preparation of land for the next season continues. Fodder is sufficient. The agricultural stock are in good condition. There is a rise in the price of jowari in all the talukas except Sangola, where it is stationary. The price of Sholapur jowari is 17 seers 1 chatak per rupee.

Satara—Slight rainfall in the Karad Satara and Wai talukas. Preparation of land has been nearly completed. Sowing has been commenced in some places. The supplies of water and fodder are sufficient. The conditions of the agricultural stock is good.

Bijapur.—There was slight rain during the week measuring 3 cents at Indi, 11 cents at Sindgi, 28 cents at Bagevadi and 19 cents at Bagalkot. Preparations for the ensuing season are progressing. The supply of fodder is sufficient. The agricultural stock are healthy. The average price of food-grains is 23 seers 1 chatak per rupee.

Belgaum.—There was slight rain during the week at Belgaum, Athni, Gokak, Parasgad and Murgod: maximum 1 inch 12 cents at Athni, minimum 33 cents at Murgod. Sowing of rice crop is in progress. More rain is wanted. The supplies of fodder and water are sufficient. The condition of artizans and labourers and of cattle is satisfactory.

Dharwar.—There was rain in four talukas, ranging from 54 cents at Hubli and Mundargi to 18 cents at Nargund. Preparation of land for the next season is in progress in some places. Sowing of kharif crops has been commenced in Mallad talukas, where rain is badly wanted. The condition of the agricultural stock is good and the supply of fodder is sufficient. The price of jowari is 19 seers 9 chataks per rupee.

Kanara.—Harvesting of second crop continues in some places. Sowing has been commenced. The condition of the agricultural stock is good.

Rajkot.—Soil cultivation is progressing. The average prices of wheat, bajri, jowari and gram are 12 seers 14 tolas, 13 seers 45 tolas, 15 seers 61 tolas, and 13 seers 48 tolas, respectively, per rupee. Locusts appeared in Jalia.

Wadhwan.—Ploughing of land is in progress. Bajri sells at 15 and jowari at 16 seers per rupee.

THE place of honour in the May *Strand* is given to an interesting interview with Mr. W. Q. Orchardson, R.A. The artist's visitor noticed hanging in the house an engraving of the well-known picture "Hard Hit." "Do you see all those cards?" Mr. Orchardson said, noticing what the interviewer was looking at. "Well, you will hardly believe what a number of packs I strewed on the floor of the studio to get that effect. I bought twenty packs at first, thinking that they would be quite enough; but they made no show at all. I had to use fifty to get what I wanted." To the question, "How did you arrive at the title 'Hard Hit'?" Mr. Orchardson made reply: "Oh that's rather curious. The man who sat for the hero—if you can call him a hero—of the picture was rather fond of cards himself. One day, when he came into the studio, I noticed that he looked a little depressed. "What is the matter?" I asked him. "I was awfully hard hit last night," he answered. "By Jove!" I said, jumping up with delight, "I've got it at last. 'Hard hit,' of course." That is how the picture came to be so called." Pellegrini, the caricaturist, once came up in an excited state to Mr. Orchardson at a private view of the Academy, and said, regarding this same work: "Mr. Orchardson, if I thought that by killing you I could paint a picture like yours, I would stab you to the heart." "It was," added the artist, "the greatest compliment I could have had."

PARSI PUBLIC WRITERS' ASSOCIATION.

FOR some time past a movement has been afloat for the purpose of establishing an association of Parsi public writers, with the view of frequently meeting together and discussing literary subjects so as to improve the status of Gujarati literature. At present an immense quantity of Gujarati literature is being published by young men, some of good quality, others indifferent, in the shape of novels, school-books, periodicals, &c. But no books containing scientific instruction, such as astronomy, chemistry, natural philosophy, political economy, physical science, &c., are forthcoming; and if any, they do not pretend to any deep and solid knowledge of those subjects. As in all matters, the beginnings are vague and unsettled in connection with the present movement; yet an attempt is being made to formulate a programme of procedure by means of which the object in view could be attained. At the instance of Mr. Sorab L. Palumkote and Dr. D. N. Patel, invitations to upwards of fifty Parsi gentlemen and a few ladies were issued asking them to meet at the hall of the Banajee Fire-temple on Tuesday evening (the Queen's birthday) for the purpose of arranging preliminaries for starting a literary association, and subsequently dining together. By seven o'clock more than forty gentlemen and about half-a-dozen ladies responded to the call. Mr. K. R. Kama was voted to the chair, and briefly explained the object of the association. He said there were many old and experienced writers, and of recent years a large number of young men had aspired to the honour of being enrolled in the category of public authors; and it was with the object of exchanging views of the old with those of the young that this meeting was called. A desultory consultation was carried on for some time, and it was finally resolved that a committee of some fifteen gentlemen, inclusive of both old and young writers and authors, be formed, and that they should meet and mature a plan of operations, submitting their report within a month. The names of the committee were approved by those who were present. The whole assembly then sat down to dinner, a pleasing feature being that the ladies occupied the same table in public for the first time in Bombay, knives and forks being used instead of the meal being eaten with their hands as of old. The dinner and wines were rich and substantial, the viands being prepared and served in European fashion.

The dinner being over, Mr. K. R. Kama, chairman, proposed the Royal toast in the name of the Queen-Empress in a felicitous speech. He said that his friends had met on a very auspicious day, being the anniversary of the birth of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen-Empress of India, and on which the present important movement was inaugurated. The Parsis had prospered under the British rule, and they had much reason to be grateful for all the blessings they enjoyed, as their interests were interwoven, as it were, with those rulers. Their education, their commerce, their social advancement and other similar advantages were all the results of the benign British rule. No other nation but the Parsis could boast of two Baronets, and two Knights, which honours they never enjoyed during the Hindu or Mahomedan rule; for if there had been, Mr. Bomonji Byramji Patel, the Parsi historian, would most certainly have noticed the fact. Moreover, two Parsis entered the British Parliament. It was therefore their sacred duty to pray for the long life and happiness of her Majesty. They had seen the Jubilee of her reign and recently they had witnessed and enjoyed her Diamond Jubilee, and that evening her Majesty had entered on her eightieth year, and it was to be hoped that still another jubilee, under whatever name it might be called, would be celebrated in her honour. The chairman then proposed that the health of her Majesty should be most loyally drunk by his friends standing. The toast was most loyally received with continuous cheers.

Mr. Darashah R. Chichgar proposed the prosperity of the Parsi community in a telling speech. He said that the toast was of such a nature that it required no speech from him to recommend it for the acceptance of the Parsis. The national prosperity of the Parsis was made up of each individual prosperity, and it was the boundenduty of one and all to help each other in all their dealings, and this promote their common welfare. The proposal was warmly received and the toast was drunk with enthusiastic cheers.

The chairman then proposed the Parsi Press, and in so doing alluded to the power of the fourth estate in Europe which made and unmade kings and emperors, made war peace and wielded an unbounded influence on the destinies of nations. The speaker was frequently interrupted by cheers, as his remarks were considered well thought out.

Mr. K. N. Kabraji, being the senior "pressman" present, replied at some length, in the course of which he alluded to his journalistic carrer during the last forty years, as having been the means of introducing many reforms among the Parsis, as regards their social and religious customs and observances, eradicating some former notions and practices. He detailed all the reforms and improvements, which are now observable and alluded to the literary activity among the younger generation, and to the rivalry that exists among the local newspapers, each one striving to outshine the rest. He was glad to say that the rancorous spirit that was displayed some years ago in accusing one another of unfair play, had now died away, and a healthier tone prevailed. The dignity of the press which was at one time in jeopardy, had now been thoroughly maintained and more amicable relations observed. In this proposal he coupled the name of Mr. Ardesir B. Patel, and the lady writers.

Mr. Nasarwanji H. Patel then proposed the health of the committee who had undertaken the arduous task of organising this association and getting up the present meeting and dinner, which having been drunk, thanks were proposed for their labour and successfully carrying out the project.

Mr. Manekji Cowasji Patel, Veterinary Surgeon and lecturer, finally proposed the health of the chairman, who, he said, was a veteran in social movements and who with his long silvery beard, commanded the respect and admiration for the amount of work that he did from day to day in addition to his official duties as the secretary of a large mill and landed property, and going from place to place to deliver lectures and addresses to his co-religionists from one end of Bombay to the other, on subjects of the prevailing plague and of religious controversies, ect.

Miss Jaijee Dick then rose among loud cheering to return thanks on behalf of the lady writers. She spoke very calmly, and in a firm tone said that it was a surprise to her to be asked to address the assembly. However, she felt much flattered in having been chosen to express the sentiments of her sisters in respect of the present association. It was satisfactory to know that the labours of lady writers and authoresses were now recognized, and that it was stimulating to them to further exertions in the literary line. She was sure there were other ladies who could have done justice to the task of returning thanks for the toast that was associated with the one proposed for the gentlemen writers; but those ladies were absent from various causes. She knew there were many others who would not attend from a feeling of false pride or from shyness; but as a beginning had been made, she hoped that at their next gathering a larger number would put in an appearance.

The president informed the assembly that the committee had received letters from Mr. M. B. Malabari, Shums-Ul-Ulma Jivanji J. Modi, B. A. Dustur Sheriarji Dadabhoy Bharucha, Mr. Hormusji Jehangir, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Shroff, Miss Shirin M. Cursetji, and Mrs. Ratanbai R. Malbarvala, regretting their inability to attend, sympathising, however, with the object of the movement.

A curious work of art was exhibited by Mr. Sorab L. Palumkote. It was an oil painting representing a very handsome lady; but it was dressed with much skilful art by a Parsi lady, Mrs. Khorshed Banu Shapurji Jivanji of Hyderabad,—dressed in silk and satin and knitted to the canvas. She has prepared eighteen such pictures, and gave an exhibition to the Zenana ladies of his Highness the Nizam. They are now in Hyderabad.

There was another exhibition by Mr. Jehangir Framji Merchant, who entertained the assembly by playing several times on his gronophone machine. It plays English, Hindustani, and Guzarati tunes and songs. Amongst those present were Mrs. Dhanbaiji Sorabji Nadarsha, Mrs. Sorab Palumkote, Miss Baisi Palumkote, Miss Sirinbai N. Patel (who contributes to vernacular literature under the name of Grace Darling), Miss Jaiji Dick, Messrs. K. R. Kama, N. R. Ranina, K. N. Kabraji, Ardesir Byramji Patel, D. R. Chichgar, Eduljee Rustomjee Reporter, Bamonjee N. Kabraji, Nanabhoy R. Chichgar, Shapur N. Bhedwar, N. H. Patel, Sorab L. Palumkote, D. N. Patel, M. K. Patel, Burjoji Patel, Fakirji Ratanji, P. C. Tarapurvalla, Burjorji Santoke, R. H. Mistry, N. R. Vacha, Kaikusro D. Moos, Pherozsha Mukadum, C. Rutnagur, Sorabji Postonji Wadia, and many others. The assembly dispersed soon after eleven o'clock.

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THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY, THE 26TH OF MAY, 1898.

1. The barometric readings are corrected to Calicut standard, reduced to the same temperature M° and also to the sea level and corrected to the constant gravity a Lat. 45.

2. The 2nd column under the head 'Wind' gives the average motion of the air in miles per hour during the past 24 hours, and is obtained by dividing the total number of miles of wind registered by an anemometer during the previous 24 hours by 24.

3. The temperatures given in the table are of the air in the shade or in a small shed with open sides and a thatched or straw roof. The maximum (max.) and minimum (min.) temperatures are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours preceding 8 a. m.

4. The humidity is given as a percentage expressing rates of the actual amount of moisture in the air to the amount required to saturate it.

STATIONS.	Pressure, 8 A.M.	WIND. Direction.	WIND. Rate per hour.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Maximum of past 24 hours.	TEMPERATURE IN SHADE. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity, 8 A.M.	RAINFALL. Past 24 hours.	RAINFALL. Since 1st Nov. to date.	RAINFALL. Variation, 1st Nov. to date.
Lahore	29·579	Calm	3	105·6	84·0	33	..	5·63	+0·92
Sirsa	29·600	SE	3	111·3	91·4	19	...	3·05	+0·13
Delhi	29·604	WSW	3	107·2	89·0	24	...	3·54	—0·13
Agra	29·597	Calm	3	108·5	83·4	55	...	3·13	+1·18
Cawnpore	29·600	WSW	3	109·0	78·6	28	...	1·58	...
Allahabad	29·602	WSW	5	112·1	81·3	35	...	2·39	+0·05
Jhansi	29·608	WNW	3	113·1	86·2	32	..	2·37	+0·40
Jacobabad	29·615	ESE	8	116·1	80·6	59	...	0·66	—0·68
Karachi	29·651	W	14	92·4	80·0	80	...	0·43	—1·41
Jeypore	29·650	W	4	113·3	77·9	27	...	1·87	—0·17
Ajmere	29·680	NW	10	108·9	87·0	37	...	0·59	—1·40
Deesa	29·715	WNW	9	109·5	78·0	52	...	1·03	+0·29
Ahmedabad	29·734	WNW	2	108·8	81·6	58	..	0·78	...
Bhuj	29·711	WSW	21	104·8	77·9	60	...	0·13	—0·53
Rajkot	29·736	W	11	107·9	77·2	70	...	0·48	—0·28
Ghadechi	29·746	SW	10	105·6	78·8	44	..	0·73	...
Veraval	29·749	SSW	8	86·6	77·3	90	...	0·14	...
Neemuch	29·680	NW	5	109·1	80·6	41	...	0·72	—0·81
Indore	29·699	NW	5	106·0	80·1	56	..	0·58	—0·83
Saugor	29·641	W	2	108·4	82·6	61	..	1·46	—1·57
Jubbulpore	29·651	SE	6	109·0	?	20	...	3·64	+0·36
Hoshangabad	29·669	SW	2	109·6	84·2	29	...	0·50	—2·03
Khandwa	29·706	W	7	110·2	86·6	34	..	0·09	—1·67
Raipur	29·705	SW	8	107·0	81·0	38	...	1·72	—1·66
Nagpur	29·700	S	8	106·2	82·0	28	..	4·35	+0·72
Amraoti	29·743	WNW	7	109·4	82·7	43	...	0·82	—2·03
Akola	29·706	W	7	110·6	79·3	29	0·01	0·52	—2·58
Surat	29·749	SW	6	98·2	80·6	73	...	1·68	+1·24
Malegaon	29·727	SW	10	107·3	78·1	50	...	0·10	—1·70
Bombay	29·793	SSW	9	90·6	82·3	74	...	0·33	—0·88
Poona	29·779	SW	12	105·5	75·8	59	...	1·35	—1·73
Ahmednagar	29·759	WSW	3	104·3	76·4	48		0·11	...
Aurangabad	29·780	WSW	5	107·1	7·47	44	0·14	0·31	...
Sholapur	29·781	WNW	12	104·2	76·5	51	...	0·68	—2·79
Ratnagiri	29·781	NW	7	90·9	79·4	74	...	1,04	—0·20
Belgaum	29·793	Calm	10	94·7	67·8	78	0.46	9·12	+2·98
Goa	29·806	S.	9	89·0	76·4	91	0·37	2·46	...
Karwar	29·791	NNW	6	89·3	78·5	81	0·02	1·30	—3·48
Mangalore	29·815	Calm	4	91·8	75·4	87	0·28	3·35	—6·18
Calicut	29·800	Calm	4	80·2	76·0	85	0·14	10·76	—5·27
Cochin	29·771	NNE	1	89·5	78·1	87	0·01	11·45	—15·59
Bangalore	29·755	WSW	5	91·8	68·8	73	0·02	2·85	—6·25
Secunderabad	29·751	E	6	102·2	78·4	42	...	2·21	—2·21
Masulipatam	29·786	SSE	8	96·1	81·1	80	..	2·17	—7·80
Bellary	29·768	W	6	103·7	78·8	46	...	3·38	—1·24
Cuddapah	29·732	W	L	106·2	81·4	50	..	8·29	+0·66
Madras	29·775	SSE	6	94·0	78·5	70	...	9·67	—12·89
Coimbatore	29·785	E	...	96·4	74·1	76	..	5·38	—4·62
Trichinopoly	29·765	C	4	103·1	78·3	75	0·07	9·19	—4·59
Negapatam	29·780	SW	7	4·5	79·9	82	...	11·54	—21·50
Colombo	29·806	SW	6	87·0	80·0	87	0·02	57·88	+5·08
Aden	29·773	E	21	89·8	84·3	71	...	0·40	—2·91

In column "Wind, Rate per hour," L=Light, M=Moderate, F=Fresh, S=Strong, H=Heavy.

SUMMARY.

With the exception of a brisk rise at Jacobabad, the pressure has been steady or has changed only slightly over the whole country. Readings are lowest in the north and highest in the south. Gradients are moderate to slight. Winds are very variable in direction, and the force has been strong at Bhuj, and fresh to light elsewhere. This morning the wind velocity was 24 miles an hour at Bhuj, 10 at Ajmere, and 14 at Karachi and Neemuch. The maximum temperature is in slight excess of the mean of the season except at Karachi, Nagpur, Secunderabad, Masulipatam, Madras, Negapatam and Aden, where it is below. The minimum temperature is 11° in excess of the normal at Lahore. The highest temperature in the shade was 116 at Jacobabad, and the lowest 68 at Belgaum. Humidity changes are generally small, and the skies are cloudy to overcast in Ceylon, the Madras Presidency, Mysore on the Malabar Coast, and at the southerly stations in the Bombay Presidency, and at Amraoti, Indore, Ajmere, Karachi and Allahabad. Light to moderate showers have fallen at Aurangabad, Belgaum, Goa, Mangalore and Calicut, and a few drops at Akola, Karwar, Cochin, Bangalore, Trichinopoly and Colombo. The abnormal chart indicates the existence of a small area of low pressure at and about Cochin, Colombo and the adjoining seas, where the weather is squally, rainy and slightly unsettled. The low pressure area has probably formed in front of the advancing monsoon current. The observations recorded at Colombo and Aden show that the pressure difference is very small and there appears to be no important change in the weather in the Arabian Sea. Conditions are favourable for rain accompanied by thunderstorms on the Malabar Coast, in Ceylon, and at or about Belgaum, Goa, Karwar, Trichinopoly and Negapatam.

The s. s. Clan Macleod on her voyage from Natal to Bombay experienced from Latitude 19° S., Longitude 39° E., reached at noon on the 12th, to Latitude 7° S., Longitude 47° E., reached at midnight on the 15th, moderate to fresh south-easterly winds and fine weather; thence to Latitude 2° 45 S., Longitude 51° 16 E., up to noon on the 17th, moderate to fresh south-easterly winds and heavy rain squalls; to Latitude 4° N., Longitude 58° E., reached at 4 p.m. on the 19th, light variable and south-westesly winds and occasional passing showers; and thence to arrival on the 24th, light variable and moderate northerly and north-easterly winds and fine weather.

The s. s. King Arthur left Zanzibar on the 15th and reports having encountered monsoon weather up to Latitude 10° N. with south-south-westerly winds and heavy squalls with rain; thence to arrival in Port yesterday, light variable winds and fine weather.

G. L. TOWERS,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

SIMLA, MAY 26.

Thursday:—The barometer readings have been moving iregularly and in most cases slightly, Pressure is very uniform over the peninsula and the bay, but moderate pressure differences exist over northern and Central India. Over North-East India and the head of the bay the barometer reads much higher than usual. The winds are southerly over the Peninsula and the bay, westerly over the central parts of the country and across the land of the peninsula, easterly along the foot of the hills in the North-West Provinces and Bengal and variable elsewhere. The mean temperatnre is about normal over Burma, Assam, Bengal and Madras and higher than usual in the other provinces The excess is greatest and large over parts of the Punjab and Rajputana and is considerable over Chota Nagpur, Behar and Orissa. The highest maximum is a hundred and sixteen degrees at Jacobabad. Rain has been received in Lower and Upper Burma, east Bengal, Assam, north Bengal, and the West and South of the Peninsula. The principal amounts are three inches at Favoy and between one and two inches at Bassein, Rangoon, Chittagong, Narayangunj, Jessore, Dhubri, Darjeeling, Jalpaigury, Dinajpur, Trevandrum and Tinnevelly.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

Bombay, 26th May, 1898.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	inches	29·747
Temperature of the Air	degrees	85·7
Wet Bulb Thermometer		78·9
Dew Point		76·5
Relative humidity of Air		·744
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=10)		1·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m. next day	degrees	90·6
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m)		80·4
General Directions of wind*		WNW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*	miles	189

* From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS,
Director, Government Observatory.

A DAY at "'Appy 'Ampstead" is thoroughly enjoyed by the East End poor, as is amply proved by the immense crowds who flock there every Bank Holiday. The pure air and bracing atmosphere to be found on the breezy heights of Highgate and its neighbourhood cannot fail to benefit those who can only spend a few hours in their midst. Holidays, however, cannot be fully enjoyed by those persons who are suffering from disease. Holloway's Pills and Ointment can speedily remove this drawback to pleasure if a fair trial is only afforded them. As a cure for rheumatism, gout, fevers, diarrhoea, diseases of the skin, scrofula, ulcers, sores, burns, or old wounds they are beyond competition.

VALUABLE DISCOVERY FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or white or falling off, use "The Mexican Hair Renewer," for it will positively restore in every case Grey or White hair, to its Original colour without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemists for "The Mexican Hair Renewer, sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere, at 3s. 6d. per bottle.—Wholesale Depot: 33, Farringdon Road, London.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE B I S N Co's s s Dwarka, 759 tons, Captain J C Tice, arrived in harbour yesterday from Karachi (24th May) with a general cargo, and 23 deck passengers.

THE s s Aldgate, 2,208 tons, Captain G Cheshire, sailed yesterday for Dunkirk, with a general cargo, and Mrs Bull, Mr Rowe, and Mr Hefferman as passengers.

THE s s Delmar, 1,511 tons, Captain E R Williams, arrived in harbour yesterday from Genoa (6th May) in ballast. The vessel is consigned to the Bombay Company.

THE s s Heighington, 1,827 tons, Captain E Mahn, arrived in harbour yesterday from Genoa (6th May) in ballast. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Killick, Nixon and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Roma, 1,743 tons, Captain A F Manwaring, arrived in harbour yesterday from Rangoon (11th May) via coast ports, with a cargo of rice.

THE s s Ras Elba, 1,769 tons, Captain E L Moore, arrived in harbour yesterday from Genoa (6th May) in ballast The vessel is consigned to Messrs W and A Graham and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Byculla, 1,516 tons, Captain J M Tyrrell, which arrived in harbour on Wednesday from Akyab (10th May) brought a cargo of rice and 11 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Chanda, 1,305 tons, Captain C R Kendall, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta (24th April) with a genera cargo. Mr T Hadgeart and 29 deck passengers.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—MAY 26.

Shed.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.*	Agents.
PRINCE'S DOCK.						
A	Clan Macleod	1589	Ward	Marseilles	...	F M & Co
B	Dido	3127	Pickering	Hull	28-5	F M & Co
E	Wardha	2563	Anderson	Zanzibar	3-6	M M & Co
F	Raventhaler	1813	Gramberg	Karachi	...	Glade & Co
G	Dorothy	1546	Johnson	Naples	...	K N & Co
H & J	Skidby	2421	Pearson	Marseilles	28-5	Bombay Co
K	Kagoshima Maru	652	Ekstrand	Japan	...	N Y Kaisha
L	Wissmann	786	Samlin	Zanzibar	...	F Heyer
M	Afghan	1439	(Repairing)			H C Jocsub
N	Kerbella	1458	Boon	Zanzibar	27-5	M M & Co
O	Ethelbrytha	1985	Millis	Liverpool	...	J M & Co
P	Hannah M Bell	1932	Stenthorp	Marseilles	27-5	J M & Co
Q	Aldgate	2208	Cheshire	Dunkirk	26-5	J M & Co
R	King Arthur	1047	Owen	Massowa	29-5	B & P S N Co
HARBOUR WALL.						
	Satrunjee	547	Badroo			S & Co
VICTORIA DOCK.						
1	Trophic	2340	Barber	Marseilles	...	J M & Co
2	Iran	4066	Hughes	Dunkirk	28-5	K N & Co
4	Oceanic	1863	Marshall	Hull	31-5	R Bros
5	Peshawar	2202	Vibert	China	29-5	P & O Co
6	Wolviston	1628	Snowdon	Marseilles		W & A Co
7	Imperatrix	2453	Rassevich	Trieste	...	A L S N Co
8	Montauk	1914	Townaly	Genoa	...	J M & Co
9	Azamore	1989	Sulleman	Havre	...	K N & Co
10	Kt Bachelor	4092	Froggatt	Dunkirk	...	K N & Co
12	Eden Hall	2332	Jones	Liverpool	30-5	K N & Co
13	Caledonia	2529	Gordon	London	1-6	P & O Co
15	City of Perth	2590	Wilson	Antwerp	1-6	F F & Co
16	Golden Cross	1914	Thomas	Havre	...	W & A G & Co
HARBOUR WALL.						
	Dumra	762	Russell	Karachi	26-5	M M & Co
MEREWETHER DRY DOCK.						
	Florida	2050 tons gross				J M & Co

* Probable date of departure.

Time Ball drops at Prince's Dock at Noon, or Greenwich meantime, 7h. 8m. 44'3s.

The Time Ball over the Clock Tower at the Bombay Castle continues to be dropped regularly at 1 p.m. of Colaba mean time, or 8h. 8m. 44'30 of Greenwich meantime.

ARRIVALS.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
26	Dwarka s	Tice	Karachi, May 24
	Heighington s	Mahne	Genoa, May 6
	Ras Elba s	Moore	Genoa, May 6
	Delmar s	Williams	Genoa, May 6
	Roma s	Manwaring	Rangoon, May 11
	R I M S Clive s	Beaumont	Port Louis, May 15
	Chanda s	Kendall	Calcutta, April 24

DEPARTURES.

May.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
26	Skidby s	Pearson	Marseilles
	Dumra s	Anderson	Karachi
	Inipenta s	Warington	Calcutta
	Chupra s	Ferris	Rangoon
	D Balduino s	Canepa	Genoa, etc
	Aldgate s	Cheshire	Dunkirk

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Plympton, for Liverpool and Genoa
,, Ras Elba, for Genoa and Marseilles
,, City of Perth, for Karachi and Antwerp
,, Delmar, for Trieste and Venice
,, Heighington, for Naples, Genoa, etc
,, Chanda, for Calcutta, etc
,, *Hildawell, for Liverpool
*To arrive

DAILY EXPORTS.—MAY 26.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Eden Hall s—13 bales wool H R M Jaitha, 103 bales wool, Noormahomed Jocsub, 50 bales wool Jafferbhoy Khetsey and Co, 161 bales wool Roysee Amirchand, 45 bales wool Jadhowjee Kara, 4 bales wool and 51 bales goat hair H O H Hassam, 55 bales wool, David Sassoon and Co.

Ethelbrytha s—4,000 cwt wheat David Sassoon and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Caledonia s—7 bales skins W and A Graham and Co, 40 cwt mussocr and 2,000 cwt castorseed Ralli Brothers, 3 hogshead and 2 casks condiments U K Jussawala.

Clyde s—9 cwt ivory Valljee Runchord.

FOR HULL.

Ethelaida s—11,000 cwt wheat Nansee Khairaz and Co, 6,02 cwt rapeseed, Ralli Brothers.

Dido s—500 cwt wheat Nansee Khairaz and Co.

FOR NEW YORK.

Dido s—1 bale woollen carpets Finlay Muir and Co.

FOR ANTWERP.

City of Perth s—49 cwt wheat flour, The Bombay Floor Mill Co Ld, 6,000 cwt rapeseed Glade and Co, 2,772 cwt rapeseed Owen and Okell, 660 bales cotton, The Bombay Company.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Golden Cross—444 cwt linseed D Nanjee and Co.

Kt Bachelor s—1,050 bales cotton and 27,480 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers, 110 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co, 4,002 cwt rapeseed Nansee Khairaz and Co, 2,000 cwt rapeseed and 2,250 cwt wheat Ritchie Steuart and Co, 2,089 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers.

FOR HAVRE.

Azamor s—330 bales cotton Ralli Brothers, 2,000 cwt wheat Finlay Muir and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Tropic s—7,000 cwt wheat Nansee Khairaz and Co, 9,000 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers.

Wolviston s—3,600 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers, 6,000 cwt wheat John Fachiri.

Hannah M Bell s—440 cwt mowraseed, 1,200 cwt castorseed and 3,600 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers.

Florida s—320 cwt castorseed Ralli Brothers, 990 cwt linseed, 990 cwt rapeseed, 1,890 cwt gingellyseed and 60 cwt mustorseed John Fachiri, 4,000 cwt gingellyseed and 16,000 cwt wheat Nansee Khairaz and Co.

Ras Elba s—9,000 cwt wheat E D Sassoon and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Imperatrix s—56 bales cotton Volkart Brothers, 10 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co, 110 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

Delmar s—770 bales cotton Gaddum and Co, 1,000 bales cotton The Bombay Co, 220 bales cotton Lyon and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Delmar s—160 bales cotton Gaddum and Co, 100 bales cotton The Bombay Co, 100 bales cotton E Spinner and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Montank s—300 bales cotton Gaddum and Co, 1,305 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers.

Plympton s—2,000 cwt wheat K Khooshall.

FOR LEGHORN.

Dorothy s—165 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers.

FOR NAPLES.

Dorothy s—1,000 cwt wheat A Blascheck and Co.

Heighington s—15 000 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers.

FOR HONGKONG.

Peshawar s—141 bales twist David Sassoon and Co, 5 cwt peacock feathers Quan Lun Kooo, 300 bales twist and 200 bales cotton Sassoon J David and Co, 25 bales twist Tata and Co.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Peshawar s—4 bales twist, Gill and Co, 16 bales twist M Harakchand.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—MAY 22.

Harington, Lt, 17th Bo I, on leave, from Matheran

MAY 23.

Sandwith, Major, 8th Bo I, on leave, from Baroda

MAY 24.

Harrington, Capt, Bo, 1st B Grenadiers, on duty, from Bhuj
Wilkins, Brig Surgn Lt Col, Bo, I M S, on leave, from Nordana

MAY 25.

Giles, Capt, Punjab, R A, on leave, from Abbottabad

DEPARTURES.—MAY 24.

Donovan, Lt, Punjab, R A, on leave, to England

MAY 25.

Harrington, Capt, Bo, 1st Bo Grenadiers, on duty, to Poona
de Berry, Lt, Bo, 2nd High L I, on duty, to Poona
Hay, Surgn Col, Bo, I M S, on station leave

UNDELIVERED LETTERS.

THE following is a list of Unclaimed Letters lying at the Bombay General Post Office:—

Adamson, Alex
Amarsinji Rajasaheb
Brown, W J H
Cameron, A G R Dr
Caplan Marie, Mrs
Cooke, A
Cottam, John
Cox, A, Mrs
Cox, H E
Dutkewich, Peter
Ellison, J J
Ersuter, F, Monsieur
Fleischhaner, Hugo
Frere, H A
Frugier, H
Georgacopulo, E G
Godard, L, Monsieur
Goldenberg, Macka, Madam
Green, B H
Hasain, S M
Hunt, C, Miss
Ino, G
Jancourt, Pierre C Comte
Jefferies, W Mrs
Landor, H J
Lascelles, J H
Lawrence, L
Lehem, M S
Low, A, Mrs
Macharg, A S C A
Mackenzie, Geo
Martin, R R
McLeliard, Mrs
Miller, Jas
Nigtingale, S S
O'Brien, G L W
O'Neill, J
Raigis, Eugenia, Madam
Reeve, D A
Reitzie, Eugenia, Madam
Rodow, James
Satow, E Miss
Schwarty, Miss
Shonlavsky, M
Simon, J W
Smith, R C
Taylor, F
Thornett, A J
Walker, P A
Walpole J
Weale, F

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth, go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to the taste, it produces natural quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pains, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhoea, whether arising from teething or other causes. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup, sold by Medicine Dealers everywhere at 1s. 1½d. per bottle.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE BOOKS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Wodehouse Road, Middle Colaba, just opposite the Colaba Railway Station, a collection of nicely bound valuable books by different authors, treating on Fiction, Theology, Poetry, Prose, also works of reference, miscellaneous works, art volumes, French books, &c., the property of D. R. DADY, Esq., proceeding to England.

Catalogues are published and the books are on view.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 28th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Wodehouse Road, Middle Colaba, just opposite the Colaba Railway Station, the valuable and substantial French-polished dining, drawing, office and bedroom furniture made to order by John Roberts, Benjamin and others, rich cut glassware, Bohemian porcelainware, first-rate ebonized plate bound square piano by Schiedmayer, rich in tone and in splendid order, Europe made iron safe on stand, English double door iron safe by J. C. W. Lord, 45 by 39 by 27 inches, first-rate Ditmar's lamps, English oval gilt mirrors, table ornaments, etc, the property of D. R. DADY, Esq., proceeding to England.

Catalogues are published and the property is on view.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT MALABAR HILL OR WALKESHWAR ROAD, OUTSIDE THE FORT.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagee, Bai Soonabai, widow of the late Mr. Bomanjee Jeejeebhoy, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Bai Ruttonbai, wife of Mr Cowasjee Bhicajee, the following valuable landed property, viz :—

All that piece or parcel of pension and tax land or ground, together with the messuages, tenement, bungalows and outhouses standing thereon, situate at Malabar Hill or Walkeshwar Road, in the Registration sub-district of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 4,387 square yards or thereabouts, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old Nos. 310 and 672, new Nos. 2096 and 3020, old Survey No. 2729½, and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward D Nos. 2510, 2511 and 2510 (2), Street Nos. 1 and 2 and 1 A, and bounded on the east by the property of the late Sorabjee Muncherjee Dhunjibhoy Readymoney, on the west by the property of the late Jamsetjee Dorabjee Niagamwalla, on the north by the Malabar Hill or Walkeshwar Road aforesaid and on the south by the sea-beach lying on the south east side of the Malabar Point Road, and which said premises were formerly and are at present in the occupation of the mortgagor and her tenants.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs. Jehangir and Seervai, the solicitors for the mortgagee, at their office, No. 21, Church Gate Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

On SUNDAY, the 29th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Bellasis Road, opposite the Byculla Club, the valuable and substantial blackwood and teakwood household furniture by Wimbridge, Roberts and others, glassware and crockery, best platedware by Reed and Barton and Elkington, mahogany semi-grand piano, double-seated brougham, large English clock, real Chubb's iron safe, 27 by 22 by 21 inches, on stand, Italian marble pillars, revolving top office table, Persian carpets, ice box, lamps, lady's bicycle with Carter gear case and Dunlop's detachable tyres, gent's Royal Progress high grade bicycle, etc., the property of F. RHODES, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property is on view.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

On MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following :—

Household furniture consisting of drawing-room sofas and chairs, drawing-room and dining tables, easy and arm chairs, wardrobe, almyrah, etc.

The property of a deceased officer, consisting of wearing apparel, camera, books, surgical instruments, lady and gentleman's saddles, also a case of Christmas cards.

AT 2 P.M.

1 second-hand serviceable office shigram.
1 second-hand double-seated brougham.
1 strong-built light victoria.
A few bycycles with pneumatic tyres.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

EXTENSIVE SALE OF BRANDIES, WHISKIES, WINES, ALES, &c.

On MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, the following Wines, Spirits, Ales, &c., to close the consignments :—

45	cases Brandy, finest imported.
40	,, ,, old.
30	,, ,, cognac.
93	,, ,, 3 stars, quarts and pints.
22	,, ,, flasks.
45	,, ,, wired bottles.
87	,, ,, royal.
31	,, Whisky, Scotch.
28	,, ,, Highland.
18	,, ,, Royal Scotch.
62	,, ,, Glenlivet.
23	,, ,, Irish.
21	,, ,, Old Irish.
24	red cases Gin.
27	green cases Gin
10	cases Sherry, dry
29	,, Port, quarts and pints
18	,, Port, Invalid
12	,, ,, Club
8	,, Madeira
15	,, Marsala
13	,, Champagne, quarts and pints
16	,, Hocks
34	,, Breakfast claret, quarts and pints
14	,, Dinner ,,
24	,, Burgundy, quarts and pints
28	,, Liqueurs, assorted, quarts and pints
4	,, Dantzic
6	,, Maraschino
36	,, Bass and Co.'s Ale, Green Diamond
21	,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, pints
35	,, Pilsener Beer.
29	,, Light Bitter Ale
34	,, Guinness's Stout, quarts and pints
9	,, Ginger Ale.

These choice wines and spirits are being sold off to close accounts, and will be put up in small lots to suit all purchasers, so that a rare chance is afforded to all to secure their supplies.

Samples on application.

On TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the "Palm Grove," Gamdevie, Chowpatty, opposite the Victoria Mill, the valuable and substantial blackwood and teakwood household furniture by Robert McKenzie and others, glassware and porcelain and platedware from Army and Navy Society's Stores, rich Indian and real Persian carpets, large fish aquarium on stand, first-rate ebonized cottage piano by Soundy, handsome victoria by Stephens, handsome bay waler horse and harness, gram crushing machine, platform scale, small tent, water colours and steel engravings, books, wearing apparel, choice garden plants, ect., the property L. H. BLOMENSTOCK, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view three days before the sale.

SALE OF VACANT LAND ON THE ELPHINSTONE ROAD, NEAR THE RAILWAY STATION.

On TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagee, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Vias Jugjiwan Hurjiwan, in pursuance of the power of sale given in the indenture of mortgage dated the 23rd day of April, 1890, the following property, viz. :—

All that piece of Foras Freehold Salt Batty vacant land, containing by admeasurement 1,414 square yards or thereabouts, situate without the Fort, at Parel, near Elphinstone Road, at the western side of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India Railway, formerly in the sub-district of Mandvie and now in the sub-district of Bombay, formerly occupied by Thacker Anundjee Canjee, and at present by the said Jugjiwan Hurjiwan, the said piece of ground is registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old No. 381 and 537, and new No.—, and new Survey No. 1-2653, standing in the name of the said Jugjiwan Hurjiwan, and bounded on the east by the public road leading from DeLisle Road to Elphinstone Road, on the west by the vacant ground of Memon Jooma Bookoor, on the north by the New Foras Road, and on the south by the water-course.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT PANCHGANI.

On THURSDAY the 2nd proximo, at 4 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at their Office, No. 7 Marine Street, by order of the mortgagee and on account and risk of the mortgagor, Mr. Lawrence Augustus Watkins, the following valuable properties, namely,

FIRSTLY—PLOT I—All that plot of Mirasi land opposite to Craig, and on the other and southern side of the public high road leading from Panchgani to Mahableshwar, surrounded by a stone wall belonging thereto, and containing about two acres more or less, and bounded on the north by the Public High Road, on the east by the footpath leading to the village of Raigan, on the south by the land of Gundoo bin Parte of Taighat, and on the west by the lands of Cundoo bin Parte and Kooshna bin Jothee, both of Taighat, the said plot bearing No. 14 in the village map.

SECONDLY—PLOT II—All that plot or Mirasi land, situated on the southern side of the station road leading from Panchgani to Taighat, surrounded by a stone wall and trees, containing about one acre more of less, and bounded on the north by the land of Condoo bin Ballajee of Taighat, on the east by the common land of the villagers or Taighat, on the south by the land of Kooshna bin Jothee of Taighat, and on the west by the land of Kooshna bin Jothee of Taighat, the said plot bearing Nos. 9 and 12 in the village map.

THIRDLY—PLOT III—All that plot of Mirasi cultivated land forming the southern portion of a larger plot bearing No. 15, and which said southern portion is now divided from the other portion by the public high road from Panchgani to Mahableshwar, and contains about two acres more or less, and is bounded on the north solely by the said high way, on the east by the land of Kooshna bin Jothee of Taighat, on the south by the land of Kooshna bin Ragojee Patel of Taighat, and on the west by the land of Condoo bin Ballajee of Taighat, and the said plots are in the village of Taighat, in the sub-district of Wai and district of Satara.

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AUCTION SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY AT CAMATIPURA BAZAAR STREET.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the mortgagees, and with the consent and concurrence of C. A. Turner, Esq., Official Assignee and Assignee of the estate and effects of Shetiba Venkati, an insolvent, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagors, Elsette Shetiba and the said Shetiba Venkati, the following property :—All that piece or parcel of Government land or ground, containing by admeasurement 94 6-9 square yards or thereabouts, be the same little more or less, registered by the Collector of quit and ground rent under old No. 3224, new No. 10023, old Survey No. 2218, and new Survey No. 5256, with the messuage, tenement or dwelling-house standing thereon, assessed formerly under No. 47 and now under Ward E No. 1020 and Street Nos. 78, 80, 82, 84, and bounded as follows, that is to say, on or towards the east by the Camatipura Bazaar Street, on or towards the west by a public passage, on or towards the north by Camatipura 7th Street, and on or towards the south by a public passage and Musjid, and which said piece of land, messuage, building, and premises are now in the occupation of the tenants of the mortgagors or any one of them.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 28th inst., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece-goods, &c.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 second-hand strong palanquin office shigram.
1 strong glass-fronted miniature broughram in good order.
1 handsome strong victoria in very good order.
1 handsome grey Arab 14 hands quiet in harness.
1 bay waler 15-1 hands, quiet in harness and saddle.
1 Surat cow with calf giving 4 to 5 seers of milk daily.

BONA FIDE SALE.

On SUNDAY, the 29th inst, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Pali Hill, Bandora, black and teakwood French-polished plain and carved household furniture, plated ware, glass and crockeryware, one D.B C-F B-L 16 bore gun by "Hollis," and D-B. express 450 bore rifle in case, complete, by "Reilly," one strong victoria in good order, one bay Arab horse, very showy, goes in harness, set of brass mounted single harness, gentlemen's saddles and bridles, and a collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots, the property of B. NICHOLSON, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

On MONDAY, the 30th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Old Ice House, next to the Great Western Hotel very valuable and handsome teak and blackwood French polished household furniture made to order; plated, crockery and glassware, first-rate pictures, rich table ornaments, handsome China and Japan flower vases; Persian and Hyderabad carpets, two Surat cows, one of which in milk, etc., etc., the property of R. D. HUGHES, Esq.

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AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS.

SWEEPINGS, COTTON, WASTE PAPER, &c., AT THE G I P R GOODS DEPOT, WARI BUNDER.

On TUESDAY, the 31st instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above-mentioned place ;—

A quantity of unclaimed goods, grain sweepings, cotton, waste paper, bones, chunam, &c.

BENNETT & CO.

Bombay, 27th May, 1898.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF MACHINERY OF THE FACTORY KNOWN AS ARDESIR ICE FACTORY, AT BABULA TANK ROAD.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 27th inst., at 3 p.m., Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the above-mentioned place, by order of the owner, either in one lot or separate lots, the whole of the machinery belonging to the factory known as Ardesir Ice Factory, consisting of engines, boilers, donkey pumps, cranes, tanks, etc., etc.

AUCTION SALE OF BRAN.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 28th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises of the Union Flour Mills, Ld., Chinchpoogly, on account and risk of Mr. Kara Damjee—

4,000 bags (more or less) of bran.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

MENESSE & CO.

Bombay, 27th May, 1898.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 26.

YESTERDAY'S allotments of Indian Council Bills comprised Rs. 5,40,000 to Calcutta, Rs. 11,20,000 to Bombay, and Rs. 1,10,000 to Madras, in all Rs. 17,70,000. The rate obtained was 1s. 3 7-8d., 76 per cent. of the tenders thereat being accepted. Of Telegraphic Transfers there were Rs. 42,30,000 allotted, of which Rs. 9,90,000 were to Calcutta, Rs. 27,80,000 to Bombay, and Rs. 4,60,000 to Madras, at 1s. 3 31-32d., at which 76 per cent. of the tenders obtained acceptance. It was announced that 50 lakhs will be allotted next week. The Exchange Banks lowered their buying rate on India at 30 days' sight by 1-16d. to 1s. 3 1-2d.

Consols declined 1-16 per cent. in London yesterday, to 111 1-4. French Rentes were unchanged at 103 ; also Indian Sterling Loan, at 113 ; and 3 1-2 per cent., Rupee Securities, at £62 1-8. Paris Exchange on London was 1 centime lower, at 25·29 1-2 fcs. Bar Silver remained at 26 1-2d. per. oz. ; and in New York at 57 1-2 cents per oz., with demand Exchange on London unaltered at 4·86 3-8 dollars. About £250,000 was paid in Gold into the Bank of England yesterday.

The Sheep Skin Sales closed yesterday with a fair demand. Madras were 1-2 to 1d. lower, and Bombay 1d. The total quantity sold was 2,850,000 Skins.

For Guzerat Yellow Rapeseed 40 1-4d. per 416 lbs. was quoted, May-June shipment, to Havre, Antwerp, and Dunkirk, sellers via the Canal, market easier in tone ; for Cawnpore Yellow Rapeseed, 40s. per 416 lbs., same shipment, to Havre, sellers via the Canal ; Brown Rapeseed, 35 3-4s. per 416 lbs., May-June shipment, to Antwerp, sellers via the Canal, in an easier market ; Linseed, 37 1-2s. per 416 lbs. May-June shipment, to Dunkirk, sellers via the Canal, market flat.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed quiet last evening, Surats quiet, Arrivals steady. The day's Sales were 10,000 bales, and the Imports 3,000 bales. Prices both spot and for arrival were unchanged, all round. The Manchester Market closed steady.

Ready Mid.-Uplands Cotton continued in New York at 6 7-16 cents per lb. ; August Futures were 2 points higher, at 6·49 cents, and December 3 points lower, at 6·34 cents per lb. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 5,000 bales ; and the Arrivals to date compare as follows with those in 1897 and 1896 :—

	1898.	1897.	1896.
Wednesday's Receipts...	5,000	1,600	2,000
Four days' do, ...	29,000	12,100	12,600
Since 1st Sept.	8,316,000	6,548,600	5,080,600

To-day there has been an improved demand in our local market for this staple, the feeling being steady, with a moderately large business passing. Exporters bought 1,400 bales, consisting of 600 bales Buranpore, at Rs. 154 ; 100 Mowa, at Rs. 149 ; 200 Bengal, at Rs. 140 ; 400 Broach, at Rs. 168 to Rs. 170 ; and 100 Jowra, at Rs. 135 per candy. The Mills took 2,800 bales, of which 200 bales were Coocama, at Rs. 140 ; 600 were Julgaum, at Rs. 150 ; 400 Khangaum, at Rs. 151 ; 200 Karanja, at Rs. 151 1-4 ; 160 each Parola, Mulkapore, Anjar, and Batma, at Rs. 144, Rs. 155 1-4, Rs. 144, and Rs. 152, respectively ; 500 Dhulia, at Rs. 143 to Rs. 145 1-2 ; 300 Wahdwan, at Rs. 154 to Rs. 155 ; and 200 Bhagalkote at Rs. 147 per candy.

WHEAT and SEEDS are quiet markets. There are sellers offering ready stuff, but buyers do not come forward. For "Rapeseed" and "Poppyseed" there is a little enquiry.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay, yesterday, were as follows :—

Cotton	10,640	bales.
Wheat	94,509	cwts.
Linseed	7,145	,,
Rapeseed	4,862	,,
Gingellyseed	1,879	,,
Poppyseed	1,736	,,
Castorseed	5,872	,,
Rice	3,279	,,

FREIGHTS are quiet. A line is reported placed for June at 25s. per ton.

EXCHANGE.—Rates were quiet at opening at 1s. 3 31-32d. for Bank Telegraphic, 1s. 4d. for Demand, and 1s. 4 5-32d. for three months' sight Credits. A fair amount of Merchants' Paper was reported done at 1s. 4 1-8d. ; the enquiry for ready-wire was limited. We quote at closing :—

Bank Bills on Demand...	1s. 3 31-32d.	per Rupee.
Do. Telegraphic.........	1s. 3 31-32d.	,,
Credits 3 ms' sight	1s. 4 5-32d.	,,
Francs.........................	1·70 1-4	,,

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Quotations declined to-day to 93 13-16 for Cash, for 3 1-2 per Cents. and 93 7-8 for the Settlement, at which level they remained throughout the day in a steady market.

SHARES are dull. Howard and Bullough Mills are Rs. 15 lower ; Jewraj Balloo, Rs. 10 ; and Manockjee Petit, Rs. 5. Central India are Rs. 5 higher.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, MAY 25.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats quiet.

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The Manchester market has been steady.

2¾ per cent. Consols, ...	111 1-4
3 per cent. Rentes........................	103
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan........................	113
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	62 1-8
Bar Silver	26 1-2

The sum of about £250,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LIVERPOOL, MAY 25.

The Anchor Line steamer Australia left here, for Bombay, this morning.

PORT SAID, MAY 25.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Golconda left here this evening.

The Messageries Maritimes Co.'s s.s. Oceanien left Aden, for Bombay, on Thursday, the 26th inst., at 11 a.m., and she is expected here on Tuesday, the 31st inst., at noon.

The N. Y. K. steamer Matsuyama Maru left Singapore, for Colombo, on 25th instant.

PROVINCIAL GAZETTE.

(*Punjab Gazette*, May 19.)

Mr B N Bosworth-Smith, Asst Commr, from the Lahore to the Simla Dist.

Mr R I R Glancy, Asst Commr, Amritsar, is posted to the Jullundur Dist.

Mr F M Clifford, Offg Extra Asst Commr, Jhang is posted to the Jullundur District.

Mr L French, Asst Commr, Umballa is posted to the Jullundur Dist.

Lieut J C C Angelo, Asst Commr, Hissar, is posted to the Jullundur Dist.

Mr A W Stogdon, Judge of the Chief Court of the Punjab has obtained furlough to Europe on medical certificate for six months.

On relinquishing charge of the duties of Chief Sec to the Govt of the Punjab, Mr W R H Mark, CSI, Depy Commr, has obtained special privilege leave of absence for one month.

Mr A Langley, Asst Commr, from the Jullundur to the Hoshiarpur Dist.

Mr A M Stow, Asst Commr, is transferred from the Hoshiarpur to the Kangra Dist.

The Hon Mr C L Tupper, CSI, Commr and Supt has been permitted to return from the furlough out of India.

Lieut J Frizelle, Asst Commr, Amritsar, is placed on special plague duty in charge of the Detention Camp at Bess.

Lieut D B Blakeway, Asst Commr Jullundur, is posted temporarily to the Kohat Dist.

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Approximate Return of Traffic for week ended 23d April, 1898, on 461 Miles open.

—	Coaching Traffic Receipts.	Merchandise and Mineral Traffic Receipts.	Other Earnings (estimated.)	Total Earnings
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Total traffic for the week	61,000	3,36,000	4,000	4,01,000
Or per mile of Railway	132	729	9	870
For previous 15 weeks of half-year.	8,27,239	33,65,611	65,668	42,58,518
Total for 16 weeks...	8,88,239	37,01,641	69,668	46,59,518
Comparison. Total for corresponding week of previous year	67,414	2,73,759	10,276	3,51,449
Per mile of Ry do.	146	594	22	762
Total to corresponding date do.	13,74,115	31,97,516	73,305	46,44,936

Increase for the week ....Rs. 49,551
Ditto to date .... ,, 14,612

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IN MEMORIAM.

IN sad but loving memory of FALIBA, the dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Dady, who was "called home," from Mahableshwar, May 27th, 1897. Born Bombay, 7th July, 1884.

A few more struggles here,
A few more partings o'er,
A few more toils, a few more tears,
And we shall weep no more.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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PUBLICUS must send us his name and address before his letter can be inserted.

The Bombay Gazette

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 1898.

THE financial position of the Municipality as revealed in the Note of the Municipal Commissioner considered at Wednesday's meeting of the Standing Committee is the reverse of pleasant either to the taxpayer or to the citizens who desire to see indispensible sanitary reforms effected. The surplus cash balances have been reduced to the perilously low figure of half-a-lakh of rupees, and Mr. Snow is of opinion that it is only by the exercise of the greatest vigilance, and assuming that our expenditure will always be incurred only after our income has been realized, that the Municipality will be in a position to meet its liabilities upto the close of July next. The extraordinary and continued demands made by the Plague Committee upon the Municipal exchequer have led to the surplus cash balance being brought to this low ebb. It has been anticipated that the raising of a loan to meet plague charges would enable the Commissioner to refund to the cash balances the 4½ lakhs borrowed from them. But owing to the stringency of the money market it will be impracticable to raise the fifteen lakhs sanctioned by Government until September next, and some financiers believe that even then the want of monetary accommodation will be felt, and will stand in the way of negotiating a loan on favourable terms. By the commencement of the current financial year the Municipality had been compelled to entrench on its loan balances for objects foreign to the purposes for which the loans were raised to the extent of over 23 lakhs, and the whole of the temporary loan of 15 lakhs had been spent. This means of course an abandonment of all loan works, excepting those that have already been commenced and a consequent indefinite postponement of urgently needed sanitary measures. Mr. Snow states that it is impossible to finance the very large transactions of the Municipality with a cash balance of only half-a-lakh of rupees, and declares that the only course open is to recoup the surplus cash balance to a certain extent for the advance it has made for plague expenditure, and devise means for financing the outlay on plague operations as independently as possible of the surplus cash balance. He is clearly of opinion that considerable further expenditure will be required in connection with plague operations, as he estimates that by the close of the current financial year a total outlay of 38 lakhs will have been incurred.

Government in their wisdom have decided that any loans raised for purposes of plague suppression must be repaid within ten years, but Mr. Snow shows that it is impossible for the Municipality, even though it exhausts its available reserve of taxation, to fulfil this condition without running grave risks of insolvency. If only thirty lakhs are raised the yearly deficit during the decade on the basis of existing taxation would be nearly four lakhs, while if the full limit of the statutory powers of the Corporation in regard to taxation was reached the balance would only be one lakh of rupees per annum, and this too only on condition of an almost absolute cessation of all works after the completion of those for which loans have already been sanctioned by the Corporation. If we cannot go so far as Mr. Snow when he says that the abandonment of new sanitary works in this ever growing city "would produce consequences at least as disastrous as those attributable to the plague" we may readily admit that this would be an extremely serious step. It is one which can only be prevented by Government treating the case of Bombay as exceptional and contributing to the plague expenditure to a far greater extent than is contemplated in the rules laid down by the Government of India. The proposal made by Mr. Snow in February last that Government should contribute three-fifths of the total outlay is an eminently reasonable one, and if it is conceded will save the Municipality from a financial position which must inevitably suspend the carrying out for years to come of sanitary improvements urgently needed. The Municipality, which had no control whatever over the expenditure of the Plague Committee, has a very strong case indeed, but in view of the present position Mr. Snow wisely refrains from advising the Corporation to place itself in a position in which a problematical refund by Government will be its only safeguard against inability to meet its liabilities in the near future. He has therefore proposed what he terms an "absolutely imperative" increase of taxation, consisting of an enhancement of the duty on grain from 4 annas to 6 annas per candy from July 1st next, and an increase of the general tax from 9 to 11½ per cent. from 1st October next. As the Commissioner states that these enhancements (which will nearly exhaust the Municipal reserve of taxation) are necessary to avert a financial crisis, the Corporation will have no help for it but to reluctantly impose the increased taxation at a time when it will press with no little severity on a city that has passed through two years of unexampled trial.

THE report of the Madras Chamber of Commerce for last year shows that in one respect at least the Chamber has distinctly "scored" over the local Government and its legal advisers. For years past the trade of Madras has been inconvenienced by the absence of any system at the Docks like that which we enjoy in Bombay, under which the Port Trust remove into their sheds all cargo as landed, deliver the same upon pass orders from the Collector, warehouse goods upon warrant and at the expiration of a fixed period deliver to the Collector any goods not cleared through the Sea Customs Office. The Madras Chamber last year requested Government to authorise the Harbour Trust Board to adopt a like procedure, but upon the question being referred to the Advocate General he was of opinion that on legal grounds the Bombay plan could not be adopted in Madras. The Chamber, disagreeing with this view, suggested that the opinion of the Legal Adviser of the Government of India should be obtained. This was done, and the Advocate-General of Bengal, having stated that the Act might be amended as suggested by the Chamber, the Government of Madras issued orders for the amendment of the Madras Harbour Trust Act, on the lines of the Bombay Port Trust Act and this was duly carried into law at the beginning of the present year. The Harbour Trustees are therefore now entitled to take charge of cargo when landed as in the case of the other chief Indian ports. The change is one which will tend to greatly facilitate trade, and the only wonder is that it has not been brought about earlier in the day. The Chamber had a great deal of correspondence with the Harbour Board regarding the very heavy landing charges imposed on coal which enhanced its price 25 per cent. The Board declined in the first instance to make any reduction in changes, pending the receipt of the orders of Government in regard to the construction of a boat basin, which would enable reductions to be effected. The Chamber remonstrated in regard to this indefinite delay, and the Board made a concession by abolishing the porterage dues of 4 annas per ton. The wisdom of the persistence of the Chamber is illustrated by the fact mentioned a little later in the report that the whole question of constructing a boat basin is still under discussion and no difinite conclusion has been arrived at. It would seem that the Committee of the Chamber has often to represent the grievances of business men to the Board, which in this respect strikingly contrasts with its Bombay analogue.

The Port Trust so far from having to be urged on by the Chamber of Commerce, more often than not anticipates commercial needs, and meets them unasked. The Madras Chamber had occasion to complain of the appointment by Government of a retired Native Government official as a member of the Harbour Trust in the place of a native merchant. Government were informed that this appointment had caused much dissatisfaction, and it was urged that, in making fresh appointments for the ensuing period of two years, Government should not disturb the proportionate representation of officials and private members existing on the Board. Government eventually appointed for the next term three native merchants, and the Chamber thus gained its point. It was less successful in its efforts to have a Commercial Cause List instituted at the High Court. The Chief Judges replied to the request for this to be done with the statement that it was unnecessary, as within 14 days of the service of the summons on the defendants a case could come on for issue. A remarkable instance of the poor encouragement given to private railway enterprise is chronicled in the report. The construction of a 2ft. 6in. guage line of railway between Vizianagram and Bimlipatam was sanctioned by the Secretary of State, who refused to give a guarantee or to sanction the making of a standard guage line. The Chamber addressed the Madras Government, expressing its inability to understand way a break of gauge should have been insisted upon, save on the supposition that it was the desire of the Government of India and the Secretary of State to force traffic to Vizagapatam in order to assist the East Coast Railway, and in view of the possibility of a boat harbour being constructed some day at that port. Government was asked to urge upon the Secretary of State the great desirability, in the interests of the District generally, of sanctioning the construction of a line between Vizianagram and Bimlipatam on the standard gauge. The prospects of the line were so good that the required capital would soon be subscribed publicly, a result which would be difficult, if not impossible, of accomplishment if a break of gauge was insisted upon. The letter was forwarded to the Government of India, but we believe it has met with no result. The reduction of the Madras assignment under the Provincial Contract which came into force last year was objected to by the Chamber, which also protested against the public being left absolutely in the dark in the matter until such a very late date that effective criticism was rendered almost impossible. The reply of the Government of India in the Finance Department was a delightful piece of official vagueness. The Chamber was informed that the quinquennial settlement of the Imperial assignment to Madras was a matter of estimating closely akin to the annual preparation of the Budget estimates, and it was impossible to submit the figures for preliminary discussion by the public.

THERE are still over twelve thousand people in receipt of famine relief—1,129 in the Nellore District of Madras, 10,385 in Sholapur, 525 in Poona, and 10 in Ahmednagar. The scarcity is caused by dearness of grain rather than by want of abundant supplies. The price of jowari in Sholapur was 18 3-5, in Ahmednagar 17½, and in Poona 16¾ ; so far as the Presidency generally is concerned prices have risen in eight and fallen in two collectorates. Harvesting of late crops is progressing in three districts. Preparations for the next season continue generally and sowing is in progress in five zillas. Fodder is sufficient, except in one taluk of Karachi, and agricultural stock is generally healthy. In the Madras Presidency the standing crops are in fair condition. Harvesting under wells and cotton-picking continue in parts with a middling outturn. Pasture is slightly improved in parts by recent rain. Fodder is available, but is dear, and the condition of cattle is normal. Prospects are fair, but more early rain is eagerly looked for. The report from Bengal is encouraging. Ploughing and early sowings are in progress, and the autumn rice and jute where sown are germinating well. The young sugarcane, indigo, and *cheena* millet are doing well. The harvesting of spring rice is still going on and the cotton crop in Orissa is in flower. In the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, the condition of the "extra" crops continues good. In the Punjab, the great granary of India, harvesting and threshing of spring crops continue in some places and the autumn crop sowings have commenced. The standing crops are in good condition, and the outturn is generally reported good to average. Food stocks are sufficient. Locusts appeared in parts of Shahpur and Rawal Pindi, but did no damage. Crops are said to have been damaged by hail in parts of Lahore and by hail and high winds in Dera Ismail Khan. The condition of cattle is fair in Delhi and good elsewhere. The Central Provinces have not as yet fully emerged from their troubles, as insufficiency of fodder and water-supply is reported from various parts of the Provinces. In Assam the prospects of tea are generally good, but red spider, mosquito, blight, and green fly are greatly preying on the young crop. The standing crops in Mysore and Coorg are reported to be in good condition, and agricultural prospects in Central India and Rajputana are reported good. But in every province the tendency is for prices to keep up. The divergence between present prices and those which prevailed before the famine is much less than it was, but it is still marked.

A SLIGHT relapse from the downward course of mortality occurred in the city during the week ended on May 24th, the deaths (633) being 17 higher than in the previous seven days, but no less than 92 below the total of a fortnight ago. It is noteworthy that the contribution of plague to the present total is slightly lower than it was in the previous week—101 as against 107. It is therefore important to see what are the diseases in which the mortality is more than normal. Diseases of the respiratory system were responsible for 125 deaths (9 more than in the previous week) as against 95 last year and an annual mean of 89 ; phthisis claimed 87 victims as against an average of 70 ; and nervous diseases 44 as against an average of 35 ; on the other hand, the mortality from remittent fever was much lower than usual. There were three deaths from cholera as against an average of five. Byculla with 18 plague deaths was the only section in which double figures were reached by the disease, the section standing next in the list being Parel with eight deaths. The probable explanation of the increase in the total death-rate for the week—38·22 as against a mean average of 33·28—is that the working class population has been considerably augmented during the present month in consequence of the great demand for labour to which the briskness of our present export season has given rise.

MR. JUSTICE PARSONS has been appointed to act as Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court during the absence on leave of Sir Charles Farran.

DURING the week ended May 25, British dollars were transferred from the Mint to the Customs House for export to the value of Rs. 27,63,000. The balance included 67 1-2 lakhs of silver held in bullion on account of tenderers for this coinage.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending May 24, was 633, giving a death-rate of 35·22 per annum per thousand as against 32·65 the corresponding period of last year, and 33·28 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 85 died from fevers ; 101 from plague ; 1 small-pox ; 3, measles ; 1, cholera ; 81, phthisis ; 44 diseases of the nervous system ; 125, affections of the respiratory organs ; 23, diarrhœa ; 15, dysentery ; 29, still-born ; 43, old age and debility ; 8, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 21 ; Brahmin, 12 ; Lingaet, 1 ; Bhattia, 5 ; Hindu of other caste, 325 ; Hindu outcaste, 53 ; Musalman, 167 ; Parsee, 20 ; Jew, 1 ; Native Christian 18 ; Eurasian, 4 ; European, 3. The total number of births was 119 as against 159 the corresponding period of last year, and 234 the average over the past five years.

ON the return of Mr. W. E. Young from furlough has been appointed to act as First Assistant Collector of Customs ; Mr. W. Almon to act as Second Assistant ; Mr. H. Crawford to revert to his substantive post of Third Assistant ; Mr. Rustom P. Jehangir to continue to act as Fourth Assistant ; Mr. Fazalullah Latfullah to continue to act as Fifth Assistant ; Mr. R. J. Sharman to act as Assistant Collector of Abkari ; and Mr. A. Walker reverting to his non-gazetted appointment in the Customs Department.

THE President and Members of the Dholka Municipality have applied to the Bombay Government to allow them to raise in the open market a loan of Rs. 4,000 at an interest of five per cent. per annum, repayable in twenty years, for the purposes of carrying out the proposed work of drainage of low-lying grounds on the west of Dholka. The town of Dholka is notoriously unhealthy, and though the state of things has been improved by the construction of a drainage channel a few years ago to the east of the town, there is still much low-lying land giving rise to malaria, and accordingly both the Civil Surgeon and the Deputy Sanitary Commissioner have advocated the drainage of the land to the west of the town.

MR. C. G. H. FAWCETT, I.C.S., has been appointed Under-Secretary to Government in the Political, Judicial and Legislative Departments and Secretary to the Legislative Council, vice Mr. S. L. Batchelor I.C.S.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN J. H. McDONALD, M.B., C.M., has been appointed to act as Resident Surgeon, St. George's Hospital, Bombay, in addition to his own duties, during the absence of Surgeon-Captain J. G. Hojel, M.B., B.S., who has been granted one month's privilege leave.

MR. W. R. HAMILTON, Second Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, is granted furlough for six months from the 1st June. Mr. Webb acts as Second Presidency Magistrate and Mr. Dastur as Third.

MR. R. M. KENNEDY, I. C. S., on special duty in the Political Department, is granted furlough for six months.

VICE Lieutenant J. L. Harrington, deputed on special duty to Abyssinia, the following appointments have been made :—Captain J. W. B. Merewether to act as Third Assistant Political Resident, Aden ; Lieutenant N. S. Coghill to act as Fourth Assistant ; Lieutenant C. F. Harold to act as Fifth Assistant ; Mr. W. Malcolm Jones to act as Sixth Assistant from the 21st February 1898.

MR. P. R. CADEL, I.C.S., is acting as Sindhi Translator to Government vice Mr. J. Sladen, I. C. S., pending further orders.

MAJOR M. T. LYDE has been appointed to be Second Assistant to the Political Agent, Kathiawar.

MR. W. J. HOLLAND acts as Superintendent of Police, Southern Maratha Railway, in addition to his own duties as District Superintendent of Police, Dharwar, during the absence of Mr. F. H. Warden.

MR. T. J. B. THATCHER has been appointed District Superintendent of Police in the Poona District during the absence on leave of Mr. M. Kennedy, or pending further orders.

MR. R. A. L. MOORE, I.C.S., has been appointed to do duty as Collector and District Magistrate, Nasik, and Mr. J. McNeill, I. C. S., to act as Collector and District Magistrate, Surat.

MR. A. S. A. WESTROPP, I. C. S., on return to duty, is to be Assistant Collector, Dharwar. Mr. F. G. H. Anderson, I. C. S., on relief by Mr. Westropp, to be Assistant Collector, Ahmednagar.

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE HISPANO-AMERICAN WAR.

FRANCE AND THE PHILIPPINES.

LONDON, MAY 25.

The rumours that France intends to acquire the Philippines are officially denied in Paris.

STRENGTHENING THE UNITED STATES' ARMY.

President McKinley has called for 70,000 more volunteers, making the total strength of the Army 280,000 men.

THE SEARCH FOR THE SPANISH FLEET.

The American warship Oregon, with two other men-of-war, has arrived at Jupiter in Florida, and reports not having sighted the Spanish fleet.

The Oregon has again left port for a further search.

AMERICAN TROOPS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

MAY 26.

Two thousand five hundred American troops left San Francisco yesterday evening for the Philippines with sufficient supplies for a year.

MR. GLADSTONE'S OBSEQUIES.

Mr. Gladstone's remains arrived in London to-day, and were placed on a catafalque in Westminster Hall, where the body will lie in State until Saturday.

REPORTED DIPLOMATIC CHANGES.

MAY 25.

It is reported at Constantinople that Sir Nicholas O'Conor, British Ambassador at St. Petersburgh, succeeds Sir Philip Currie as Ambassador to the Porte.

PRINCE HENRY IN THE FAR EAST.

Prince Henry of Prussia has left Pekin on a visit to Port Arthur, and from thence will pay a visit to Admiral Seymour, the Commander-in-Chief of the British squadron in China.

THE BRITISH SUZERAINTY OVER THE TRANSVAAL.

President Kruger, replying to Mr. Chamberlain's despatch, repudiates the Suzerainty of Great Britain over the Transvaal.

While expressing his willingness to abide by the Convention with England, the President submits that Lord Derby deleted all references to Britain's Suzerainty in the Convention of 1881.

THE RACE FOR THE DERBY.

LONDON, MAY 26.

The betting on the placed horses in the Derby before the start of the race was 100 to 1 each against Jeddah and Dunlop and 10 to 1 against Batt.

Disraeli was the first to get away at the start, Jeddah being among the last. Elfin took up the running, followed by Batt and Disraeli, this order being maintained through the furzes, where Jeddah was still well behind.

Descending the hill Batt assumed the command, and on entering the straight Batt and Wantage were on level terms, Jeddah running in sixth position.

Jeddah and Dunlop then gradually improved their position, Jeddah leading as they passed the Stand and coming in a winner by three-quarters of a length, one and-a-half length dividing second and third.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, MAY 25.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Arabia, with the homeward mails of the 21st instant, arrived here, at 11 p.m., on Wednesday, 25th May.

SUEZ, MAY 26.

The P. and O. Company's steamer Oriental, with the outward mails of the 20th instant, left here, at 5 a.m., to-day.

THE PLAGUE IN CALCUTTA.

AN R. E. OFFICER DEPUTED ON SANITARY DUTY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, MAY 26.

There were forty-two deaths on Monday in Calcutta from all causes in the various wards of the city. There were three seizures from plague, two in the Bow Bazaar ward, and one in Collinga Bazaar Street; one of the cases in Bow Bazaar proved fatal. Tuesday's general death-rate was only thirty-seven in all wards. Wards Nos. 8, 14, and 20 showing somewhat higher mortality than the rest. There were no seizures or deaths from plague. The total from this cause up to Tuesday was seizures sixty-seven and deaths fifty.

Captain Liddell, of the Royal Engineers, has been deputed to Calcutta to suggest measures for remodelling the sanitary arrangements of the town. On Monday last, he was shown the method under which the Calcutta Municipality works. A responsible officer of the Corporation took him round and showed him first how the refuse of the city is removed by carts, secondly how it is removed to conservancy platforms in circular road, and, thirdly how after being empted into refuse wagons of the Municipal railway it is carried off to the salt water lakes (or Dhappa).

Captain Liddell went to Dhappa, where he saw a square mile of reclaimed land under cultivation. On his approach there, or possibly before, it was rumoured that some Europeans were coming there to inoculate the cultivators who are non-residents, but stay there during the day to watch their splendid crops, such as have never been grown in any part of Bengal. The report of Captain Liddell's visit was known by all, and when he and the party arrived the cultivators were not to be seen, having all made themselves scarce.

A NEW DEPARTURE IN BURMA.

OIL GAS INSTALLATION AT MOULMEIN.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

MOULMEIN, MAY 25.

Messrs. P. Orr and Sons, Engineers in Madras, who have successfully erected several Mansfield's oil gas installations in India, have just completed one in Moulmein. The lighting is being universally admired. This is first gas installation in Burma and the experiment is being watched by other towns who are anxious to improve the lighting. The inauguration ceremony was performed yesterday by Mrs. Wilson, wife of the Judge of Moulmein, who by trilling cord caused a cluster of incandescent gas lights to instantly burst into a brilliant flame amidst the applause of the great assembly. The Deputy Commissioner, Colonel Burne, made short speech congratulatiug Mr. Mansfield on the highly successful manner in which the whole work had been carried out. He observed that Moulmein had set an exemple to other towns in Burma. The ceremonial was followed at night by a conversazione held in the Town Hall by Gas Engineers on behalf of the firm. All Moulmein society attended. The proceedings here began with concert in which the leading local amateurs took part.

The Rev. Dr. Marks on behalf of the invited guests made a brief speech. He observed that Moulmein was primus in Burma already and would be specially so in respect to the gas installation which had only to be seen to be admired and adopted. Moulmein had shewn the way to other towns in the province. Mr. Mansfield made a short humourous speech in reply. Dancing then commenced, and was spiritedly sustained the till small hours. Everything passed of most successfully and the installation is an assured success. The greatest enthusiasm was exhibited by inhabitants.

THE CHITRAL RELIEFS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 26.

Chitral relieved troops got in safely to Chakdara, yesterday all well. The whole operation of relieving has thus been carried out without a shot being fired.

DEATH OF THE DEPUTY SURVEYOR-GENERAL.

Sudden death, in Calcutta, from cerebial stroke of Colonel Woodthorpe, Deputy Surveyor-General, is reported.

THE SECRETARYSHIP TO THE P. M. O. OF THE FORCES.

Surgeon-Major Shearer has been appointed to succeed Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel Beatson as Secretary to Principal Medical Officer, Her Majesty's Force in India, on expiration of three months' extension of appointment granted to the latter to permit of completion of his general report on the medical history of the recent frontier operations.

MILITARY NEWS.

Captain W. H. Bowes officiates in the temporary appointment of Assistant Adjutant-General, Army Head-quarters, with tho status of D. A. A.-G., vice Colonel Gerrard, officiating as A. A.-G., Madras Command. Pending the arrival of Captain Bewors. Captain H. B. Watkis officiates. Captain MacC. R. Ray, 7th Bengal Infantry, meanwhile acting as D. A. A.-G. for Captain Watkis.

The formation of a Military Works Division for Malakhhnd and Chakdara has been sanctioned.

Surgeon-Lieutenant Knapton, 23rd Bombay Infantry, is granted one month's privilege leave.

Surgeon-Major Greany, 5th Infantry, Hyderabad Contingent, is granted three months' privilege leave.

Surgeon-Captain Wimberley, 15th Bengal Infantry, is granted one month's privilege leave.

THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL OF BOMBAY.

Mr. Symonds, Postmaster-General, Bombay, goes on short privilege leave from the beginning of July. Mr. Merrett, Presidency Postmaster, Bombay, officiates.

CRICKET: SIMLA VS. OUTSTATIONS.

In the first innings of Simla vs. Outstations, to-day, the former made 232, French and Meredith making 56 each, and Ranjitsinghji being out leg-before-wicket for three.

The outstations made 160, eight wickets falling to Ranjitsinghji.

The second innings will be played to-morrow.

CHARGE OF CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.

POONA, MAY 26.

The Poona manager of the Singer Manufacturing Company, who was arrested charged with criminal breach of trust amounting to Rs. 3,000, was again placed before the Magistrate, to-day. A statement of the machines that were found missing was put in; and the charge of criminal breach of trust in regard to these was framed against the manager.

The case is adjourned till Saturday, when the Magistrate will probabty give his decision.

RAIN IN POONA.

Last evening, the weather in Poona was cloudy, with lightning very vivid. At 9 o'clock there was a heavy downpour of rain, which lasted for some time.

SPORTS AT KIRKEE.

Artillery sports came off, this evening, at Kirkee. Among the comppetitions was a new one. The gunners to fuze a shell, fill the magazine, and place it close to a gun in action. Tent-pegging also created special interest. The weather, which had been exceedingly hot all afternoon, was varied by a strong breeze, and towards the close thunder and lightning became very pronounced, causing the departure of the guests.

FRESH PACK OF HOUNDS.

A fresh pack of hounds, comprising fourteen half couples, arrived in Poona, this morning, ex-City of Perth. They were brought here by Mr. Fairfaix, M. F. H., and appeared to be in excellent condition, and a promising lot.

COLLISION BETWEEN TWO BRITISH INDIA STEAMERS.

SINKING OF THE S. S. MECCA.

NEARLY SIXTY LIVES LOST.

ENTIRE LOSS OF THE MAILS.

One of the most serious losses which the British India S. N. Company has suffered since its formation, occurred on the Queen's Birthday, when a collision between the s. s. Lindula and the s. s. Mecca resulted in the sinking of the latter ship and the loss of nearly 60 lives. It appears from the somewhat meagre particulars available that both vessels left Calcutta for Rangoon on Monday, the Lindula being the first to leave. The Mecca was under the command of Captain R. P. Parkman, R. N. R., and the Lindula under that of Captain Stewart. When nearly 200 miles from Saugor, the Lindula broke her shaft. When the Mecca came up three hours later all the passengers and mails were transferred to her, and she took the Lindula, a vessel of 3,346 gross tonnage, in tow.

This was late on Monday evening, and early on Tuesday morning the hawser parted. The Mecca, whilst crossing the Lindula's bows to pass a fresh hawser through, collided with her. The Mecca sustained by far the most damage and sank within three hours. Some of the crew were rescued, but Captain Parkman and Second Engineer Christie of the Mecca and Mr. Charles Mitchell, Second Engineer of the Lindula, together with 50 native passengers, were drowned. All the mails, including those received from England for Burmah by the last mail steamer, went down in the Mecca, which was a well built boat of 1,460 gross tonnage. The Lindula was badly disabled, but all possible assistance was rendered to her unfortunate companion. The weather being favourable, the skipper managed to take her into Diamond Harbour, where she arrived yesterday morning with her stern seriously damaged. Two whole days had been occupied in the journey. The news of the disaster was received with very deep regret in Bombay, where Captain Parkman was known as a skilful navigator!

(BY TELEGRAPH.)

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, MAY 26.

Intimation has reached the Post Office here of the loss of the s. s. Mecca in the Bay of Bengal with the Home mails for Burma on board. It seems the British India boat Lindula started on the 22nd from Calcutta with mails for Rangoon, but got disabled, and was being towed by the British India boat Mecca, when the latter collided with the Lindula, and sank.

Apparently no lives are lost.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.—MAY 25.

10 p.m.	83·9

THURSDAY,—MAY 26.

6 a.m.	83·3
10 a.m.	87·1
2 p.m.	89·4
4 p.m.	89·0

THE ABOLITION OF QUARANTINE.

CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE BOMBAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE following correspondence has been sent to us for publication:—

Bombay Castle, 5th April, 1898.

From the Hon. Mr. A. Wingate, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to Government; To the Secretary, Bombay Chamber of Commerce.

Sir,—In view of the influx into Bombay which it is believed has already begun, and which is likely to follow a declining mortality, and of the great danger of a recrudescence of plague which may be caused by premature re-occupation of empty houses not yet rendered fit for human habitation, or by overcrowding dwellings at present in occupation, I am directed by his Excellency the Governor-in-Council to invite your co-operation in inducing the incoming labour to settle temporarily in the various health camps which would be made available by the Plague Committee to house labourers and their families. I am to add that the Plague Committee has been asked to address you more particularly on the subject.—I have, &c.,

A. WINGATE,

Secretary to Government.

Bombay, 7th April, 1898.

Chamber of Commerce, the Secretary to Government, General Department, (Plague), Bombay.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 2509-P of the 5th instant, inviting the co-operation of the Chamber towards inducing incoming inhabitants of the City to settle temporarily in the various health camps to be made available by the Plague Committee.

2. The purport of this communication has been communicated to all the members of the Chamber with a request that they will endeavour to promote the views of Government in this matter as far as possible. At the same time I am directed to suggest, for the consideration of Government, whether the time has not come, or may come in the very near future, for the abolition of all land quarantine for passengers leaving Bombay. The very decided falling off in the mortality during the past two or three weeks shows, my Committee think, that the plague following a similar course to what it did last year is rapidly declining, and in all probability will have practically disappeared at an early date.

3. As Government are no doubt aware, the infliction of quarantine has had a most adverse effect on trade in Bombay. Native merchants and dealers have practically ceased to come to the city, with the result that both sales of produce and purchases of imports are being restricted to a scale much below what they would be under ordinary circumstances. There are now only two months of the busy season left, and the committee of the Chamber think it would be of the utmost importance to the mercantile community if, during that period, the City could be rendered absolutely free to intending visitants without restriction of any kind. The Committee of the Chamber are of course aware that liberal rules have been fixed for the granting of passes to people entering and leaving the City, but the limits of those passes are so restricted, and the necessary steps to obtain them are regarded with so much dislike, that they are not availed of to anything like the extent that could be desired, and as a matter of fact where any rules and restrictions of a quarantine character are known to exist, native merchants and dealers prefer to incur no risk by entirely staying away from the City.—I have, &c.,

JOHN MARSHALL, Secretary.

Bombay Castle 11th May, 1898.

From the Honourable Mr. A. Wingate, C.I.E., I.C.S. Secretary to Government; To the Chairman, Bombay Chamber of Commerce.

Sir,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, dated 7th April, 1898, and in reply am directed to state that after duly considering the representation of the Chamber and the decline of plague in Bombay, steps have been, and are still being taken to diminish interference with travelling by sea and rail.—I have, &c.,

A. WINGATE,

Secretary to Government.

Bombay, 20th May, 1898.

Chamber of Commerce, The Honourable Mr. A. Wingate, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to Government, General Department (Plague), Bombay.

Sir,—I am directed to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3062-P of the 11th instant, addressed to the Chairman of the Chamber, intimating that steps have been, and are still being taken to diminish interference with travellers by sea and rail.

2. As no public notification has apparently been issued to this effect, my Committee confess they are not aware what the actual quarantine restrictions in force now are, and whether such as they are they are imposed under the direct sanction of Government or by local authorities. They consider it would be in the public interest to make generally known what quarantine rules are still actually maintained in Bombay. It would be greatly to the advantage of trade if all restrictions could be removed on people coming into and going out of Bombay, whether for trade purposes or otherwise, and they venture to think that the time has now arrived when the removal of these restrictions could be notified with all safety.—I have, &c.,

JOHN MARSHALL, Secretary.

Bombay Castle, 21st May, 1898.

From the Honourable Mr. A. Wingate, C.I.E., I.C.S., Secretary to Government; To the Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay.

Sir,—In reply to your letter, dated 20th instant, am directed to explain that there is no longer any detention of through passengers to, or from Bombay, in any Railway Observation Camp, so far as Government is aware, save for the few hours necessary to disinfect the clothing, and then only when the clothing is dirty, or the circumstances are suspicious.

2. The system of surveillance over new arrivals is now coming into operation in most of the large towns and it is believed that travellers are rarely detained anywhere. Plague is declining in Bombay, and officers have relaxed their restrictions, and as regards business, every possible facility has been afforded.

3. If you will be good enough to bring any specific case to notice of any restriction operating to the disadvantage of trade, it will receive immediate attention.—I have, &c.,

A. WINGATE,

Secretary to Government.

ARRIVAL OF R. I. M. S. CLIVE FROM MAURITIUS.

THE Royal Indian Marine steamer Clive, Commander E. J. Beaumont, arrived in harbour, yesterday, from Port Louis, which port she left on the 15th instant. The Clive conveyed the 1st Bengal Infantry from here for garrison duty, and on arrival at Mauritius, on the 6th instant, the vessel was placed in quarantine. On the 10th instant, at 5 p.m., she was granted pratique, and on the following day seven companies were landed at Cannonier's Point (a distance of 3 miles), and one company and the regimental baggage at Port Louis on the 12th and 13th instant. After coaling, the Clive left on the 15th instant for Bombay with the following passengers who had travelled by her on the outward voyage:—Captain H. Clowes, Commissariat Department; Surgeon Captain I. G. Hojel, I. M. S.; Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Luard, Mr. Hycoop, and three servants. The further movements of the vessel are unknown.

MILITARY NEWS.

GENERAL leave of absence is granted to 2nd Lieut. J. S. Cobbe, R.A., from 3rd June to 3rd August next.

PRIVILEGE leave of absence is granted to Captain C. Moss, Gloucestershire Regiment, Adjutant, Bombay Volunteer Rifle Corps, from the 6th June to 4th August next, and Lieutenant G. de S. Dudley, R.A., from 3rd June to 1st August 1898.

THE death has occurred in hospital at Ginentti of Private Robert Cross, of the Cameron Highlanders, and son of Mr. Cross, a master cooper at Malton, Yorkshire. Cross, it may be remembered, distinguished himself greatly at the battle of Atbara by being the first man up to the enemy's zareba and bayoneting a big Dervish who was just about to spear General Gatacre. His prompt action was said to have saved the general's life, and the feat was referred to by several of the special correspondents. It seems that after the fight Cross was seized with dysentery and removed to hospital where he died a few days later. He was only twenty-two years of age and stood fully 6ft. Before joining the Camerons he was a compositor on a country newspaper.

ONE has to go to the other side of the Atlantic for what the Americans really think to be authentic information with respect to royal personages. The latest flim-flam to find currency in Canada as authentic information is the following: "Queen Victoria is pronounced to be stronger than she has been for a year past, and it is added that she is increasing her popularity at the Riviera, where the old story is again circulating from mouth to mouth among the peasants, that the Queen goes to the Riviera in order to 'make her Easter,' being denied religious liberty at home. Therefore, the peasants add, her Majesty goes abroad so that a Roman Catholic bishop may 'shrive her, unknown to her subjects at home."

NEWS OF THE DAY.

AN interesting case has cropped up at the Chief Court at Srinagar. During the last big famine in Kashmir, a certain Pundit fled the Valey, leaving his infant daughter behind in charge of the gor or priest of the family. For some time the Pundit regularly remitted monies for the support of the girl. till five years ago, when he heard from the Brahman that the child had died from small-pox. Recently, filled with a desire to see his native land again, he has returned hither. Desirous also of being married again, he applied to the old gor to make a bandobast for him. Of all the most dastard things of modern times I have never heard the like. The Brahman actually sold the man's own daughter to him, and the girl would been married to her own father had not some chance conversation with him led the man to suspect the proceeding. The case has been sent in to the Dharm Sabha for their decision, upon which the Chief Judge will adjudicate most probably.

MR. S. M. EDWARDES, I.C.S., has been appointed to be Assistant to the Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, Bombay. Mr. G. M. Monteath, I. C. S., to be Assistant Collector, Thana.

SURGEON-MAJOR J. CRIMMIN, V.C., is allowed furlough on medical certificate for six months.

MR. S. L. BATCHELOR, I.C.S., is appointed to be Second Assistant from the date he proceeds on furlough.

DR. E. MAYNARD, Acting Civil Surgeon, Nasik, has been appointed to act as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Western Registration District.

MR. A. L. M. WOOD, I.C.S., has been appointed to be Chief Inspector of Factories for the Town and Island of Bombay.

ON return from privilege leave, Lieutenant F. M. Westropp, R.E., has been appointed to act as Executive Engineer, Ahmednagar.

THE Reverend C. Mayhew has been granted by the Secretary of State for India a further extension of furlough on medical certificate for five months.

MR. T. M. FILGATE, Inspector-General of Prisons, and of Registration and Stamps and Registrar-General of Births, Deaths and Marriages, is granted special leave on urgent private affairs for six months.

MR. H. F. ASTON, I.C.S., District Judge, Satara, is allowed furlough for six months. Mr. L. C. Crump, I.C.S., is to act as Judge and Sessions Judge, Satara, during his absence.

MR. A. K. KAMA, B.A., LL.B., I.C.S., has been appointed to be Assistant Collector, Bijapur.

MR. W. L. LAKE is to act as Fourth Class Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue vice Mr. W. F. Jardine and during the absence of Mr. F. J. A. Hill.

MR. C. S. F. CROFTON, B. A. (Cantab.), I. C. S., has been appointed to be Assistant Collector, Poona.

IT has been resolved by the Municipal Committee of Amritsar to start a clerical and commercial class at Amritsar for the benefit of boys attending the local schools. The work in the class is to begin on the 1st June. This is the first move in the right direction towards the great reformation which has been so sadly needed in the past, and it is hoped that the new scheme of education will show good results in the near future. Only boys who have passed the Middle School examination will be admitted into the class, and no fees will be charged towards tuition. The course of instruction laid down will, as stated some time back, comprise book-keeping, Shorthand, Precis-writing, Correspondence, Commercial Geography, and Type-writing. In addition to these subjects the native system of accounts will also be taught, and a Hindoo teacher is to be engaged for this purpose. The class will be under the management of the Municipality, and will be visited by the Inspector of Schools. It was the late Secretary of the Municipality, Mr. E. Nicholl, C. I. E., who first set the proposal for the opening of a clerical and commercial class on foot, and the present Secretary, Mr. G. J. Allsop, is to be thanked for carrying the proposal through, and for not having allowed it to drop.

THERE is little doubt that the steady decrease in plague in the Jullundur district is not due solely to the advent of the hot weather but to the hard work and excellent arrangements of Major Inglis and the staff of civil officers under him, who in most trying weather are doing most unpleasant work. It is a pity that the Honours List did not show the Government's appreciation of the work done by at least one of the officers on special duty.

IF convincing proof were required of the value of evacuation of houses and segregation of the sick in plague cases, it is to be found in experience gained in the infected areas in the Jullundur and Hoshiarpur districts. Where information of the outbreak of the disease has been prompt, and compliance with precautionary measures readily accorded, the average death rate has been about 2·5 per cent. Where obstruction has been shown, as in the case of the small town of Kariha, the population has been actually decimated.

THE Punjab Government has sanctioned the plague allowance of twenty per cent. on pay to all civil officers on special duty in the infected area, and one month's privilege leave for every five months spent on plague duty. This is indeed a contract to the decorations, batta and three months' privilege-leave granted for a short picnicking on the Frontier, by so many carpet-knights who managed to return to India as soon as the weather became at all inclement.

CAPTAIN D. PHILLOT, 3rd Punjab Cavalry, has been given the revising and re-writing up to date into Urdu of the Cavalry and Infantry Drill Books of 1898.

THE hearing of the bribery charges against Sirdar Gurdial Singh, Man, of the Punjab Civil Service, commenced before Messrs. Tweedie and Johnstone, at the Sessions Court, Multan, at 10-45 on Monday morning. Mr. Sinclair, instructed by Mr. Warburton, prosecuted for the Government, and Mr. Rattigan, assisted by half a dozen native pleaders, appeared for the defence. Mr. Sinclair made a short opening statement. He said that the Punjab had recently witnessed the trial of Malik Ahmad Khan, an old Extra Assistant Commissioner, who was convicted and sent to jail and dismissed from Government service on bribery charges. The present case was that of an officer in a much higher position, and the charges were of a much more serious character. Mr. Sinclair took the opportunity of publicly giving notice "to the other bribe-takers of this Province, because other bribe-takers there most certainly are, that they had better mend their ways, or they will find themselves, perhaps, in unpleasant places." Having quoted the Punjab Chief Court opinion, re the evidence of accomplices given in the Malik's case, Mr. Sinclair opened the first of the articles of the charge, namely, that the accused, on or about 21st July 1893, took from Kishori Lal, of Pakpattan, a bribe of three hundred rupees for reversing or modifying the decree of Rai Chuni Lal, Subordinate Judge of Montgomery.

A COMMITTEE to consider questions connected with the mobilisation of Field and Mountain Batteries in India will assemble at Simla next week, and will be composed as follows: President, General Maitland, Secretary in the Military Department; members, Colonel A. B. Stopford, R. A., Assistant Adjutant-General for Royal Artillery; Major Goad, Director of the Army Remount Department; Major H. Mullaly, D. A. Q. M.G. for Mobilisation; and Captain Headlam, R.A.

SIR WILLIAM LOCKHART had quite lately every intention of returning to India to take up the appointment of Commander-in-Chief early in July. Within the last few days, however, news has been received by telegraph which shows a change in his plans. His 90 days' privilege leave will expire early in July; and if he does not return by then he can only remain in England on half-pay, unless some special arrangement is made on his behalf. It would now seem to be probable that he will take three months' more leave, but will resign the Lieutenant-Generalship of the Punjab Command when his privilege leave comes to an end. This will mean that he will return in October, but the matter is by no means settled yet, as the question of privilege leave plus ordinary leave involves some points connected with pay and allowances. General Lockhart certainly deserves every consideration at the hands of the authorities both here and in England, as he had to return hurriedly to India before the expiry of his leave last year and at a time when he was far from being in good health.

THE weather in Poona during the last three or four days, writes the "Deccan Herald," has been the strangest compound of heat and cold we have experienced for some time. The mornings and evenings are delightful, but the pleasure afforded by them is trifling when compared with the excessive heat of the daytime, which during the past week has shown a steady rise from 96° on the 20th instant to 109° on the 24th. To add to the general discomfort, too, the evenings have given unmistakable signs of rain. Heavy clouds regularly rise up accompanied by thunder and lightning; but though we have anxiously looked forward to a right good downpour, up to the present only a few miserable sprinklings,—showers only in name and which we would be better without—have fallen. The sky last evening was long overcast and there were occasional rumblings of thunder, but the result has been no more promising than of old and we have had to bear our souls in patience and wait. Should appearance read aright, however, the impending cataclysm cannot be very far off now and probably a day or two hence will see us enjoying all delights of a thoroughly good storm.

THE deterioration exhibited in the Burma cheroot is, writes a Rangoon paper, a subject of constant complaint amongst smokers. Probably it may partly be put down to the quality of the tobacco imported from the Madras Presidency which is used for the so-called Burma cheroot. But careless manufacture is also no doubt answerable for a good many complaints. Perhaps before long we shall be having a new industry introduced in Burma in the shape of "paper cigars" which are said to be coming into favour in America, even with connoisseurs of the fragrant weed. These cigars are prepared from sheets of paper which have been soaked in tobacco juice, which are then pressed, and cut into the requisite shape by means of specially constructed machinery. The flavour of both Manila and Havana cigars is efficiently imiated by these "paper cigars."

SIR JAMES WESTLAND ought to take his followers more fully into his confidence, remarks the "Pioneer." In the "Banker's Magazine" for May Mr. W. R. Lawson falls foul of the "Sunday Special" for publishing the forecast of the Government of India's currency proposals which, our readers will remember, was cabled out by our London correspondent. "In reading this curious disclosure," observes Mr. Lawson, who always effects to write as if from the "coulisses" of currency controversy, "allowance has to be made for the bimetallic taint of the channel through which it has come;" and the "introductory paragraphs have much more of Mr. W. H. Grenfell in them than of Sir James Westland." The "Sunday Special's" summary of the Government proposals (absolutely accurate, as our readers knew) is then given, and Mr. Lawson proceeds: "Whoever has the lightest acquaintance with Sir J. Westland's ideas, and his lucid mode of expressing them will be in no danger of mistaking the above farrago of fancy guesses for the faintest approximation to be original. Without pretending to to any special knowledge of the despatch so wildly described in the Sunday organ of the bimetallists, we make bold to doubt if there will be a single word found in it about melting ten crores of rupees or selling the silver obtained from them as bullion or borrowing twenty millions sterling in London to be shipped to India in sovereigns. Sir James Westland knows his business better than this Calcutta correspondent can teach it to him. A wholesale melting down of rupees has never entered his mind. Without any such heroic contraction he has succeeded in raising the rupee to be sterling level aimed at in the Act of 1893, and why should he now do an idiotic thing in order to hoist it higher than there is any need for?" Mr. Lawson is now doubtless seeking an answer to this conundrum more importunately than over.

SIR LOUIS ADDIN KERSHAW, the new Chief Justice of the North-West Provinces High Court, took his seat on the Bench on Monday, and was welcomed by representatives of the English and Native Bar. The duty of addressing the Chief Justice on behalf of the English Bar fell appropriately to Mr. Dillon, who has been Acting Puisne Judge since Sir John Edge's retirement, and who in that office has created a most favourable impression, both among his brother Judges and all those who have appeared before him. The Hon'ble Bishamber Nath, the Nestor of the Native Bar, who has not practised in the Courts for some years came on Monday to offer a graceful welcome to the new Chief Justice. Sir Louis Kershaw, in reply, said just what the occasion demanded, and said it well. Altogether an excellent start.

THE special telegrams to the Meteorological Office from the Mauritius, the Seychelles and Zanzibar relative to the coming monsoon are on the whole favourable and indicate a normal condition on the South-East Trades region, and consequently the probability of the monsoon arriving in the Indian seas about the normal date. A ship from East Africa calling at the Seychelles reports strong trade winds and normal weather. At the Seychelles the weather was cloudy but somewhat finer than usual, and here and at Zanzibar the barometer was rather below normal. The Mauritius telegram indicates that pressure has increased and is now above normal. South-east winds have been prevalent, but they are unsteady and slightly below normal strength.

A CROCODILE which in the course of several weeks manages to devour some fifteen men and cattle, is in a fair way to establish a record. A gharial which infested the river Berak, near Silchar, had achieved this unenviable notoriety, and was fast becoming a terror to the inhabitants of the town; it had, in fact, become necessary to prohibit bathing in the river. Some days ago, however, Subadar Maula Baksh Khan of the 17th Bengal Infantry, now at Silchar, waited for the crocodile, and succeeded in disposing of her with three shots from a Martini-Henry rifle, the first of which, planted just above the right eye, would probably have proved fatal. In the attempt to drag the animal out of the water a boat was upset, and the animal was eventually towed ashore by a steamer. Forty sepoys bore the body of the monster in triumph to the regimental lines, where it was exhibited; fully 10,000 villagers coming from near and far during the day to see their vanquished foe. The crocodile is said to have measured 22 1-2 feet long, and weighed over 50 maunds.

SYMPATHY with Queen Christina in the trying position in which she is placed by the Spanish-American crisis is universal throughout Europe. It is reported in particular, as "Hebe" in the "Gentlewoman" reminds us, that our own Queen has shown marked solicitute on account of the anxieties of her sister Sovereign. The throne of Spain at the best of times is not a very comfortable one, but in the circumstances of the last few weeks the courage of the Queen Regent must have been tried to the utmost. Her son's future depends upon the wisdom of the course she may steer. Queen Victoria's regard for Queen Christina is well known. The most exemplary of constitutional monarchs her self, Her Majesty has a more intimate knowledge than the world in general of the skill required to avoid errors which might have momentous consequences in an excitable and socially and politically earthquaky country like Spain. It will be remembered that nine years ago Queen Victoria paid a visit to the widow of King Alfonso XII. of San Sebastian, that town of historic momory. Her Majesty is the first reigning British Sovereign who ever set foot on Spanish soil, and the event was marked with much enthusiasm. The personal relations of the two Sovereigns have always been extremely cordial.

THE officer who in "Macmillan's" this month describes the grit of Tommy Atkins in the Tirah campaign, incidentally tells an amusing story of the Kamber Khels. After referring to the difficulties experienced by the headmen of the tribes in collecting the rifles for the fines we have imposed in view of the fact that the greater number of these rifles must come from men with blood-feuds on their hands to whom the sacrifice of their arms means sooner or later the sacrifice of their lives, the writer thus illustrates how cheaply the tribesmen regard human life:—"A Moollah of the tribe of Kamber Khels once in a moment of candour expressed his regreat to his flock that no sacred man among them had yet been called upon to lay down his life for his religion, alleging that the presence in their midst of the tomb of so holy a man would be of the highest value both from a spiritual and a practical point of view, spiritually because the Prophet would regard them all henceforth with greater favour, practically because devout pilgrims attracted to the shrine would enrich the whole tribe by their gifts. The Kambers took counsel together, laid hold of the moollah and slew him; and then, having erected a suitable shrine over his corpse, felt that they had done all that was in their power to remove a reproach which reflected upon the whole tribe."

NOTES FROM MATHERAN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MATHERAN, MAY 25.

FROM the beginning of October, 1897, to the end of last month Matheran was under the charge of Mr. Edwardes, a junior member of the Civil Service. This new departure in the management of the hill worked well as a temporary measure, but should not be repeated. Matheran is no doubt a very healthy place, but even here people occasionally fall ill, and of course there are many who come to Matheran in a bad state of health with a view to recovery. It is therefore essential that the Superintendent should be a doctor. It must, however, be admitted that Mr. Edwardes as Superintendent won golden opinions from all sorts and conditions of men who frequent this hill station and that his administration was most successful. No doctor could have succeeded better in averting the plague from this favoured spot. Several improvements have been effected during his tenure of office. The Library has been removed to a more commodious building near Pinto's Hotel, where it has been well furnished and supplied with a fresh and well chosen stock of books, thanks to the liberality of Mr. Damoderdas Goverdandass (if I have managed to get the polysyllables of his name right). The coolies have been provided with numbered badges, so as to facilitate the recovery of stolen or strayed packages. It has been arranged that the two main thoroughfares of Matheran, the bazaar road and that leading to the Granville and Rugby Hotels, are to be lighted as far down as "the tryst." This improvement will be carried out in October, and will be a great blessing to belated travellers who are caught by the shades of night before they reach the top of the hill. A new point of view has also been added by Mr. Edwardes to the attractions of the hill, and called Celia Point after his wife. In a word Mr. Edwardes has done well by Matheran, and the large gathering at the farewell entertainment given to him by Sheikh Ebrahim Khan showed that his efforts had been appreciated.

In the beginning of this month Mr. Edwardes was succeeded by Dr. Lloyd Jones, who will undoubtedly prove a popular and energetic superintendent. Since his arrival the hill, especially the hotels, have been full of visitors, and we have had a considerable number of private and public entertainments. On the 7th, Mr. and Mrs. Edwardes gave a tea picnic to inaugurate the opening of Celia Point. Unfortunately the new Point, being exposed to the rays of the setting sun, is distinctly a morning Point and not well adapted for an afternoon party. The difficulty was ingeniously got over by holding the picnic at Louisa Point, from which we could command a view of Celia Point and hear the "feu de joie" of crackers which announced its formal opening. After the opening ceremony had been thus performed, the young and active members of the party ran blindfold, and other curious races, on the open space at Louisa Point, and so passed the time merrily till the clock struck the hour of retiring.

A very agreeable little concert was given at the Rugby Hotel last Saturday. The Gymkhana funds having fallen to a low ebb, the happy thought struck someone of having a concert or two to supply the deficiency. The charge was fixed at the popular price of one rupee, and nearly a hundred assembled in the Rugby Hotel to enjoy the musical treat provided. Dr. Lloyd Jones was stage manager and one of the performers, and acquitted himself well in both capacities. He, Mrs. McArthur, Mrs. Meade, Miss M. Cotgrave, and Captain Fleet received well merited encores. The latter especially evoked rounds of applause by his comic songs and spirited recitations. Another concert for the same object will be given next Saturday at Elphinstone Lodge under the auspices of Mr. and Mrs. Greaves.

The present week has been busily occupied in the pursuit of pleasure. On Monday, our local Derby day, large numbers of Christians, Mahomedans, and Hindus, rich and poor, flocked to the racecourse at Olympia on pony, tonjon, munshil, jinrickshaw, or foot. The proceedings commenced at half-past four with the Matheran Stakes, open to all ponies for hire on the hill or at Narel. It was won easily by Ebrahim Khan's Ringleader. De Souza's William and Amir came in close together second and third. The next event, the Narel Purse, fell to Mr. Spencer's Behram, ridden by Mr. H. Tyabji. Raja Ram's Charley and de Souza's William came in respectively second and third. The Diana Stakes, a trotting race, gave the ladies an opportunity of displaying their horsemanship. Seven equestriennes came up to the scratch. At the beginning of the race most of the horses every now and then broke into a canter, and according to the rules, had to perform revolutions before proceeding farther. Presently Tichborne, well ridden by Miss Cotgrave, took the lead and easily maintained his position to the end of the race. Mrs. Bulkley, on Bonta, came in second, and Miss Lord, not far behind on Bijli third. The fourth race was called the Mailed Fist Stakes in allusion to a recent historical incident. Each gentleman who went in for it had to ride three hundred yards, dismount, and have a two-button glove correctly buttoned on his hand by the lady who nominated him. This was a very popular event and had to be run in two heats. In the first heat Lieut. Arthur was first and Mr. H. Tyabji second; in the second Mr. John was first, and Dr. Lloyd Jones second. In the final heat Mr. John's well known pony Forester easily disposed of his field. Dr. Lloyd Jones came in second, and Lieut. Arthur third. The Horse Trotting Race, the fifth and last item on the programme, was run in two heats of eight. In the first heat Mr. John's Forester, Mr. Fazulbhoy's Kaiser, Mr. Arthur's Bess, in the second heat Mr. Hale's Little Brick, Mr. H. Tyabji's Ilmas, Mr Mulla Feroze's Amir were respectively first, second, and third. The final heat was won easily by Mr. John. The very heavy cavalry, as represented by Mr. Fazulbhoy on Kaiser, carried off the honours of the second place. Mr. Hale on Little Birch trotted in third. Thus ended a very pleasant afternoon. The races were thoroughly enjoyed by a large number of spectators. The arrangements were most excellent. There was a large crowd, but no disorderly crowding. All the spectators found convenient and appropriate points of view, some on seats in the enclosure, some on the wall round the racecourse, and others on the tree tops. The committee consisted of Colonels Meade and Lushington, Dr. Lloyd Jones, Lieutenant Arthur, and Messrs. Judge and Tata. They deserve great credit for the success of the gymkhana, especially Colonel Meade, who was the moving spirit of the whole and filled with address the difficult post of starter.

Yesterday Olympia was once more the resort of large numbers of spectatoss, this time assembled to view the athletic sports of the Scottish Orphanage. Year by year subscriptions are given liberally for this popular institution, and this year the amount subscribed far exceeded all previous records. After the prizes have been given and the tea has been paid, a considerable balance will remain in hand to provide the scholars with bats, balls, etc., during the monsoon. Two prizes were also given to the students of the local Vernacular school. The infants of the Mazagon School were not forgotten. There was an amusing race between three little tots of girls, and a few rupees were set apart to provide them with a sumptuous tea. Of the contests between the Scottish orphans perhaps the best result was obtained at the high jump. Norman Robottom won hearty applause by clearing four feet and a-half, a very respectable height for any boy to jump in India even under the inspiring influence of the mountain air of Matheran. One of the most amusing items was the boot race in which each candidate had to discover his own particular boots and coat, after all their boots and coats had been mixed up in most admired disorder. He had then to lace up his boots, button his coat, and run to the winning post. The scramble that ensued may be more easily imagined than described. Great excitement was produced by the contest between the boys and girls at the tug-of-war, each sex urging on their representatives with voice and gesture to more strenuous efforts. The girls won at the first tug, the boys at the second, and the girls again at the third tug; but the girls had the advantage of position, as they were privileged to pull down hill in two out of the three times. Mr. Anderson, the Superintendent of the Orphanage, was efficiently assisted in the management of the games by Mr. Mackenzie, Mr. Hathornthwaite, and by Dr. Lloyd Jones, who is always in the front whenever and wherever his energy and cheery presence are required to make any entertainment a success. Mrs. Parsons distributed the prizes.

This afternoon a horse show and jumping competition take place on the Rugby plateau. A lawn-tennis and a badminton tournament have been started. Will the monsoon allow it to be played out? The coolness and cloudiness of April and the beginning of May seemed to betoken early rains, but for the last week or so we have been having very hot days not much tempered by mist or wind. Still it is remarked that the dark robe of night is already spangled with many fireflies, whose presence is generally regarded as a sign of the approaching monsoon.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

	Wards.	No. of Attacks.	No. of Deaths from Bubonic Plague.	Total Deaths from all Causes.
A	Upper Colaba	0	0	6
	Mid. & Lower Colaba	0	1	
	Fort, Southern	0	0	
	Fort, Northern	0	0	
	Esplanade	0	0	
B	Mandvie	2	2	18
	Chuckla	0	0	
	Umarkhady	0	0	
	Dongri	0	1	
C	Market	0	0	14
	Dhobi Talao	0	0	
	Fanaswady	1	0	
	Bhuleshwar	0	0	
	Khara Talao	0	0	
	Kumbharwada	0	0	
D	Khetwadi	1	0	3
	Girgaum	0	0	
	Chowpatty	0	0	
	Walkeshwar	1	0	
	Mahaluxmi	0	0	
E	Mazagon	0	0	23
	Tarwady	0	2	
	Second Nagpada	0	0	
	Kamatipura	0	0	
	Tardeo	0	1	
	Byculla	0	0	
	First Nagpada	1	0	
F	Parel	3	2	6
	Sewree	0	0	
	Sion	0	0	
G	Mahim	0	1	4
	Worlee	0	0	
	Water Division	0	0	0
	N.-R. & Unknown	14	0	
	HOSPITALS.			
	Arthur Road		1	22
	Dariasthan		2	
	Khoja		1	
	Maratha		2	
	Total	23	16	96
	Total plague deaths to date	30,049	25,969	
	Total same date last year	13	5	67

The province and port of Jeddah have been daclared free from plague.

Amongst the passengers who left for Europe by s. s. Dominico Balduino, yesterday, was Miss (Dr.) Emeline da Cunha, who has obtained three months' leave, and her father, Dr. J. Gerson da Cunha. Miss da Cunha has been employed on plague duty ever since the inspection of passengers commenced under the Health Officer of the Port.

The Hon'ble Mr. A. Wingate, C.I.E., I.C.S., Plague Commissioner, Bombay Presidency, and Joint Secretary to Government in charge of the Plague Branch of the General Department, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months and twenty-five days. Mr. A. Cumine, I.C.S., is to act for him.

DAMAUN.

The plague mortality at Lower Damaun, yesterday, was eight, consisting of 3 Mahomedans, 2 Doobias, 1 Khambati, and 2 Mochis. There was no death at Varkoond.—In dispensing with the services of Dr. John Moniz from plague duty at Upper Damaun and appointing him on duty at Lower Damaun, his Excellency the Governor of Damaun through his new Secretary, Captain C. J. F. Reis, acknowledges that Dr. Moniz performed his duties with great zeal and devotion, and informs him that Varkoond, Kharawad, and Kharewady to the north of the river were placed in his charge. His Excellency placed his entire confidence in him in giving charge of this very hard and arduous work, as from the devotion to duty and medical knowledge shown during the last epidemic, his Excellency felt convinced of the doctor's competency. He was asked to send daily reports.—After the British cordon was established on the Damaun frontier, on the 30th March 1897, Mr. Judge, the Chief Plague authority, paid visits to Damaun at short intervals to ascertain from personal inspection and enquiry from Mr. Sorabji Maneckji Damaunwalla the state of Damaun, and during such visits both Mr. Sorabji and the then Secretary, Captain Azavedo, obtained from Mr. Judge several concessions which somewhat softened the rigour of the cordon. About the month of July last, while Mr. Sorabji was absent from Damaun Mr. Judge, accompanied by Mr. Smyth, the junior Inspector paid a visit to Damaun to ascertain whether the houses visited by plague had been disinfected; when there arose some misunderstanding between him and his Excellency the Governor of Damaun, in consequence of which the visits of the Chief Plague authority ceased and every hope of the removal of cordon was lost. Last evening, Mr. Judge, accompanied by the new junior Inspector, Mr. Thacker, came riding on a visit to Lower Damaun and passed through several streets, ultimately making a halt near the residence of Dr. Moniz, who was formerly Mr. Judge's medical adviser, and who is now one of the two medical gentlemen in charge of the several villages in Lower Damaun. A crowd of people, including a number of Parsees gathered on the way to accost Mr. Judge and to ask personal favours, but they did not find an opportunity to speak to him, and he left Damaun at 7 p.m. After their departure a rumour was set afloat in the city that Mr. Judge had come to Vapi to remove the cordon. Whatever may be the object of Mr. Judge shifting his cutcherry from Surat to a camp at Vapi or Naunda, now that even the Government of India does not set much value on quarantine and quarantine of different places is removed, the people of Damaun do not see any reason why the hardships imposed upon Damaun by the cordon and continued for fourteen months should be re-imposed.

THE UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY.

IT is hereby notified that the following additions to, and suspension of the operation of, the Regulations have been adopted by the Senate and have received the approval of his Excellency the Governor of Bombay in Council :—

I.—In line 24, page 55 of the Bombay University Calendar for 1897-98, the words, "And a "viva voce' Examination" have been added after the words "Two Papers." II.—The following N. B. has been added to Regulation 1 in Civil Engineering, page 75 of the Calendar for 1897-98, as Modified by the change notified at page 1657 of Part II of the "Bombay Government Gazette" of 18th November 1897: *N. B.*—A Diploma in Agriculture under the new regulations will be conferred on those canditates who have passed the examination for the Diploma in Agriculture under the old regulations provided that they have passed the Previous Examination and the practical examinations prescribed under the new regulations, which are not included in the old regulations. If they have not passed the examination under the old regulations with the percentage of marks now necessary under the new, it will be necessary for the candidates to present themselves again for examination in those subjects in which they failed to obtain the necessary percentage." III.—The operation of Regulation 2 of the Regulations relating to the Wilson Philological Lectureship (page 325 of the Bombay University Calendar for 1897-98) has been suspended during the first term of 1897-98.

FOR a small country, Poland perhaps produces more great artistes than any other country in the world. Four of these recur to the mind at once, and all of them have won the very highest triumphs in their respective callings. They are Modjeska, Sembrich, Paderewski and Jean de Reszke. At home these renowned people are the warmest friends and intimates. It was at the solicitation and under the encouragement of Modjeska that De Reszke gained his first distinction as a singer.

AMATEUR photography seems to be more the rage than ever. It is a curious fact, though, that it does not seem to affect the trade of the professional, who will tell you that it is very rare for an amateur to do anything really good, and there are very few people who will trust friends suffering from the photographic mania to make a picture of them. The exhibition at Crystal Palace shows that amateurs can do some very good work. Another new photographic novelty is shown, and consists of photographs finely printed on silk, so that they look like drawings.

LORD AVA left some time back for Klondyke ; Mr. Cecil Baring has now joined him. They are exploring in the interests of the British America Corporation. Lord Ava is the eldest son of Lord Dufferin, who is the chairman of the Corporation. Since his lordship retired from the 17th Lancers he has chiefly devoted himself to the improvement of Ranelagh, but now pines for energy on a larger scale. Mr. Cecil Baring is next brother to Lord Revelstoke, and has been settled in New York for some years in an American branch of Baring Brothers. He was at Balliol College, Oxford, where he proved himself possessed of unusual abilities.

A RAILWAY FOR SOUTH KONKAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—India is now covered with a regular net work of Railway systems, and the producer can take his commodoties to the best market available for disposal. In short, Government deem it their paramount duty to develope the resources of the country and give a stimulus to indigenous trade by opening new and improved means of communication throughout the country. There is, however, one part of the country which is still labouring under great inconvenience and disadvantage in this respect. In spite of all the natural advantages and facilities which it possesses, the tract of the country commonly known as South Konkan is still without a railway line. This tract stretches in the direct line along the Arabian Sea, and comprises some of the most fertile and prosperous talukas in the Kolaba and Ratnagiri districts. The only means of communication which now connects South Konkan with Bombay and other large trade marts is through the harbour steam ferries of Messrs. Shepherd and Company of Bombay. Thanks to their enterprizes. Messrs. Shepherd and Company have no doubt facilitated communication and saved us from the risk and dangers of the old voyages by native crafts, but the journey is not without its inconveniences. The communication to Ratnagiri and Goa and the intermediate stations along the coast is stopped in the rainy season, and people have to travel all the way up in the mud and mire via Malad and Magothna to Dharamtar and then to Bombay. The Dharamtar and Panwell Ferries sail in the rains but then the sufferings of the passengers are indescribable. Beaten by rain from above and actually bathed in heavy seas below, they have to remain shivering in cold for hours their clothings and baggage all soiled by sea-water and sea-sickness raging in the extreme on account of the heavy rolling of the ferry. Then again the ferries do not always touch wharfs but remain out on the high sea. The passengers have then to board a machva and not unfrequently to wade through salt-water knee-deep. This is comfort indeed ! you will thus see under what a sore hardship these South Konkan people are labouring for want of a railway.

Some 6 or 7 years ago Mr. Sinclair the then popular Collector of Kolaba, moved an English company to project a railway through these parts. A survey of the line was made through the Panwell, Pen, and other Talukas, and it was expected the construction would soon begin. But unfortunately the company was disolved owing to the demise of its chief promoters, and what was still more unfortunate, Mr. Sinclair was also transferred to another district, never to return again. The scheme has since then remained a dead letter. After Mr. Sinclair's project, the Southern Maratha Railway authorities took steps in the matter. They moved Government on the subject, and to back their project a number of petitions were submitted to Government from the Ratnagiri and Kolaba districts. At their instance the Government were pleased to consult the Bombay Port Trust authorities in the matter. Great hopes were entertained that a railway would soon be opened, but as in the case of Mr. Sinclair's scheme, nothing practical has been done. It is not only for passenger traffic that I am appealing for a railway in these districts. Owing to the want of speedy means of communication, the postal and telegraphic arrangements are extremely defective. Trade is suffering and the indigenous arts and industries are merging in the grooves of indifference and apathy.

The question naturally arises whether the project of opening a railway through these tracts would pay. As one who has travelled much in this part of the country I can confidently say that it will. The chief articles of commerce in these districts are salt, grass, timber and fuel, rice and cured fish, Kolaba contains extensive salt pans, and thousands of tons of this commodity are produced every year and exported in hundreds of native crafts to Bombay and other parts of the presidency. A reference to sea-born trade returns will also show that the quantities of rice, forest produce, and grass are also enormous. If a railway be opened this trade will greatly develop. Both the G. I. P. Railway and Southern Maratha Railway have easy facilities of undertaking this line. They have both of them their main lines passing close to the proposed line. The G. I. P. Railway might commence at Mumbra in the Thana district and passing through Panwell, Pen, Malad and Ratnagiri join the Southern Maratha line near Miraj road or Kuthapur the Southern Maratha company in the same manner can open branch from Kolhapur and take the above route to join the G. I. P. Railway line near Mumbra. The country through which this line would pass is an open and level one and the enterprising company, who ever it may be, can construct the system at a comparatively small cost.

I appeal to our merchant princes of Bombay and other enterprising capitalists on behalf of the people of South Konkan to take up the matter and by opening a railway line through these parts confer on them the inestimable boon of easy and comfortable communication. I would also humbly appeal to our esteemed countrymen, the Honourable Messrs. Mehta, Bhatwadeker, Chandawarker, Garud, Sayani and others, to ask questions in the Legislative Council as to what has become of the schemes projected by Mr. Sinclair and the S. M. Railway authorities as also of the petitions submitted by the people of Ratnagiri and Kolaba.—Yours, &c.,

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THE HONOURS LIST.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I entirely agree with "P. A. H." in all that he has said in his letter to you on the subject of the title of Rao Bahadur recently conferred on one of our well known citizen Rao Saheb Ellapa Ballaram. I do not propose in this letter to point out the many and responsible services rendered to our city by the Rao Saheb in the past, but will confine myself to those rendered during the last two epidemics. It is well known that during the early part of the year 1897, when not only the poor and unintelligent portions of the various communities betook themselves to different parts of the country for fear of the plague, but even the wealthy, educated and influential citizens, many of them our civic fathers, having become infected with the fright, that had overtaken their humbler co-citizens, followed their example in large numbers, Rao Saheb Ellapa struck to his guns, and was ever in the thickest of the plague, performing his onerous duties in assisting the authorities with a characteristic firmness and energy, which was acknowledged to be well worthy of imitation. Having so far back as the beginning of the last year clearly come to the conclusion that the separation of the healthy from the infected was one of the most prudent and effective measures towards the suppression of the epidemic, in the teeth of the bigoted opposition of the lower classes, amongst whom it was his lot to work, and at great personal risk, he established and maintained a camp at Foras Road, to which by his tact and persuasion he succeeded in removing for the first time and before any one else had ventured on this hazardous steps, a large number of families from the most obstructive rowdy backward classes, and that at a time when the measure was fraught with peril. Long prior to the lamentable riot of March last, annonymous letters threatening to murder the Rao Saheb if he stepped into certain localities reached him, but it is needless to add that they did not deter him in the slightest degree from performing his daily duties with the Plague Committee. He is to be congratulated on having escaped personal violence, especially so, as he was to be seen at all times in his district, now removing the plague patients to hospital, now causing infected houses to be vacated. This was to a great measure due to the happy power which Rao Saheb Ellapa possesses in a remarkable degree of combining great firmness of character with an enviably amiable dispositon.

Again, during the epidemic of 1898, it was he who first came forward with his "Health Camp" at Foras Road, and removed the healthy individuals from infected houses to it. His efforts in this direction can be better conceived when it is stated that within a fortnight he succeeded in removing over 1,200 persons to the health camp. Though I am of the opinion that conferring the title of Rao Bahadur on Rao Saheb Ellapa Ballaram is but an inadequate return for his laudable, self-sacrifice and disinterested public services during the last two epidemics, yet I feel confident that in the fulness of time he will receive his justly deserved reward at the hands of Government.—Yours, &c.,

May 26. JUSTICE.

THE DEFICIENT WATER-SUPPLY AND MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In reference to your report of the remarks on this subject in the Municipal Standing Committee I should like to state that the burst to which reference was made occurred last week only, while we, residents at Kawasji Patel Street, have not had a sufficient supply since the 2nd of March. As for the allegation of want of pressure due to enormous consumption, I may say it is quite untenable as it is admitted that 21 to 25 lbs. pressure is allowed at our street, While if the authorities like they can give a pressure of 35 to 40 lbs. or more. I believe that the Malabar Hill and Coombarwada Reservoirs are insufficient for the demands, or there may be a heavy leak somewhere. It is also reported that the Commissioner takes a very gloomy view of the financial future of the Municipality, and to recoup the balance he advises increased taxation. I appeal to the Corporation to appoint a committee to investigate into the Municipal expenditure in all its departments, and, if possible, to suggest means to curtail them. It is not at all a good policy to cut the coat beyond the cloth, and it is highly advisable to discontinue or curtail unnecessary expenditure.—Yours, &c.,

NADIRSHAW H. E. SUKHIA,
May 26, L. V. Sc., L. M, & S.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY FESTIVITIES AT MATHERAN.

THIS great occasion, writes a correspondent, has been celebrated, as in the last five years, by Seth Jagmohandas Samaldas, of Bombay, in a unique way by performing the thanksgiving puja ceremony in his Mahadeva Mandir at Matheran. The Mandir, which occupies a charming position close to the Public Works Department Store-house, was specially decorated for the occasion with flags, bunting, evergreens, arches, etc. Numerous butties hung on the wild milk bush trees which lent an additional charm and beauty to the scene. The ceremony is yearly attracting a large concourse of people from the station and the surrounding villages. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Laxmidas Vandrawandas, Mr. and Mrs. Devidas Pranjiwandas, Mr. and Mrs. Tulsidas Lallubhai Modi, Mr. and Mrs. Laldas Vandrawandas, Mr. and Mrs. Gopaldas Nathudas, Mr. and Mrs. Harikisondas Vandrawandas, Mr. and Mrs. Madavadas Gokuldas Pasta, Mr. and Mrs. Jiwandas Haridas, Mr. Jagmohandas Varjeewandas, Mr. Harjiwandas Jagjiwandas, Mr. Chhatrabhuj Khemaji, Mr. Ramdas Kishanji Shaw, and others. Advantage is taken of this occasion to distribute rice, kamblis, etc., to the destitute and poor, so that the poorest homes in the hamlets and villages situated in the valleys below remember with gratitude the anniversary of the birthday of the benign Sovereign. This year shett Chandulal Hirachand Vakil, of Ahmedabad, distributed kamblis and rice to about 300 people. At a quarter past 7 p.m. the local vernacular school-master announced himself with a host of school boys, whose cheerful faces indicated that they were to have much coveted baksis.

Mr. Mulji Bhowanidas Barbhaya, the well-known solicitor of Bombay, presided, and Mrs. Barbhaya kindly consented to distribute the prizes. Shet Jagmohandas then made a short speech giving the history of the institution, and narrated the improvements made during the year. He thanked Mr. Passansing, the Assistant Superintendent, to whose help the nice arrangements were due. A Maratha gentleman then rose and thanked Shett Jagmohandas and his Guzerathi friends on behalf of the Marathi-speaking community for their kind regard to the poor and for meeting a long felt spiritual want of the Hindu population of the station.

Mr. Barbhaya, who was greeted with cheers, made an appropriate speech, in which he congratulated Shett Jagmohandas for his success in renovating this first and best Hindu temple on the hill and placing on a sound basis the management of the institution which, he hoped, will be shortly rendered independent of any pecuniary aid from outside. He exhorted his co-religionist visitors to the station, among whom alone Shett Jagmohandas desired to raise funds, to contribute their mites. Besides, in commemoration of the occasion he declared, on behalf of Mrs. Barbhaya, that five free studentships would be granted to the school for one year. An amount of Rs. 257 was instantly subscribed on the spot to the permanent funds, which at present amount to about Rs. 3,500, lodged with Mr. Kalyandas Keshavdas Modi, J. P., of Bombay, at 5 per cent. interest per annum. The following gentlemen are the principal donors:—Mr. Jeevandas Haridas, Rs. 101; Mr. Mulji Bhowanidas Barbhaya, Rs. 51; Mr. Tulsidas Lallubhai Modi, Rs. 25; Mr. Chandulal Hirachand Vakil, Rs. 25; Mr. Chhatrabhuj Khemaji, Rs. 25; Dr. Jamnadas Premchand, Rs. 15; and Mr. Tribhowandas Narsidas, Rs. 15.

After thanking Mr. and Mrs. Barbhaya for their help the assembly broke up, and a palki procession, attended by almost all the Hindu population, was formed. A dramatic representation was given later on by the local residents.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY AT INDORE.

HIS HIGHNESS MAHARAJA HOLKAR, accompanied by H. H. Tukojirao, Heir-apparent to the throne, and 11 Sirdars and high officers, attended a Durbar at the Residency in full court dress and oriental pomp at 7-30 a. m. The usual salutes and Royal guards-of-honour were carried out. In the afternoon his Highness gave a grand fete to hundreds of schoolboys, who were invited to the magnificent new Palace grounds, where they enjoyed themselves on the green lawns in various ways, their Ruler watching them and looking personally after their comfort. Cart-loads of excellent mangoes were then freely distributed among the juvenile guests, who left at sun set, wishing long life and prosperity to her Imperial Majesty and to his Highness the Maharaja.

THE BOMBAY HUNT.

MR. F. C. MACRAE presided at the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Bombay Hunt held at the Gymkhana on Wednesday evening, when the following report of the Committee was presented by Mr. J. H. Symington, the Hon. Secretary and adopted.—

(1.) Your Committee beg to submit their report and accounts for the past season.

(2.) Twenty-two and-a-half couple of hounds were purchased and were brought out by Walter Bell in the Locksley Hall and arrived in very good health, excepting one hound.

(3.) Hunting commenced on the 28th November and ended on the 17th March. Hounds were out thirty-seven times, including three bye-days and killed eighteen brace of jackals.

(4.) The season was an unfortunate one for hounds. One of the bitches died in whelp and one hound became almost blind and was given away. During the season five couple died from other causes and after hunting was ended we lost eight couple more.

(5.) Five couple of hounds have been sold to the Ootacamund Hunt, and three and-a-half couple to the Belgaum Hunt. The price of the eight and-a-half couples was Rs. 1,000.

(6.) Three of the Hunt horses—Tarbrush, King Crown and Corona—were raffled for Rs. 1,510. Professor died in March from injuries received in the hunting field.

(7.) The Committee in referring to the melancholy death of Mr. H. M. Steuart, who has been Master of the Hounds for the last three seasons, wish to place on record their sense of the severe loss which has been sustained by the Hunt. Mr. Steuart had acted as honorary secretary to the Hunt for several years before he became Master, and in both capacities his energy and ability have served the Hunt in good stead.

(8.) The season opened with a credit balance of Rs. 472-8-11. At the end of the season it was found that the accounts showed a deficit of about Rs. 1,500, and it was decided by the Committee that this sum should be raised as early as possible among the members. The late Mr. Steuart, M. F. H., volunteered to subscribe Rs. 50 towards the deficit and also to contribute Rs. 250 to the cost of horse keep account, making Rs. 300 in all. This most generous offer was made on the day on which the late Mr. Steuart was killed, but Mr. W. Mc A. Steuart has expressed his desire to carry out his brother's intention. Apart from this a sum of Rs. 1,250 has been subscribed among the members of the Hunt, and the Committee would take this opportunity of thanking the gentlemen who so readily responded to the Committee's request. The Committee regret that when the accounts were finally adjusted the deficit proved larger than had been expected and there is still an deficit balance of Rs. 534-2-11.

(9.) An examination of the profit and loss account will show that there has been a reduction in expenditure as compared with recent years under most head ings. The deficit is mainly due to the fact that the hounds only realised Rs. 1,050 as compared with an average of Rs. 2,674 during the past four years. The Committee wish to place on record their opinion that in view of the considerable number of hounds now imported, it is not advisable to place too much reliance on realising any considerable sum by the sale of hounds at the end of the season.

(10.) The accounts have been audited by Mr. P. G. Irvine, C. A., and the Committee take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Irvine for having been kind enough to audit the accounts without remuneration.

On the motion of the Chairman it was resolved : "That the members of the Hunt wish to place on record their deep feeling of regret for the sad loss they have sustained by the untimely death of their late Master, Mr. H. M. Steuart, and their appreciation of the services to the Hunt, both as Honorary Secretary and for the past three seasons as Master."

The following further resolutions were also adopted :—"That the amount of the deficit in the accounts be collected with as little delay as possible." "that a pack of Hounds be purchased for the next season."

That the following gentlemen be elected to form a committee for the the season 1898-99:—Messrs. F. C. Macrae, J. L. Symons, G. K. Remington, H. E. E. Proctor, G. H. Townshend, L. A. Scott-Elliot. That Mr. J. H. Symington be requested to continue to to carry on the duties of Hon. Secretary. That "the committee be empowered to appoint a Master and to make all necessary arrangement for the purchase and shipping of Hounds."

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. P. S. Irvin for having audited the accounts of the Hunt without remuneration and the meeting closed with the customary compliment to the chair.

EUROPEAN monarchs live to a good old age, and the allotted age has been exceeded by several. Three European crowned heads celebrate their 80th birthdays this year : King Christian IX. of Denmark celebrated his on April 8 ; ex-Queen Marie, of Hanover, widow of the blind King George V., a Princess of Saxe-Altenburg by birth, on April 14 ; and Grand Duke Karl Alexander of Saxe-Weimar-Eisenach, on June 24.

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PUBLIC COMPANY MEETINGS.

THE BOMBAY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE second annual meeting of the company was held yesterday at the registered office, Hummum Street, Mr. Noordin Ebrahim presiding in the absence of the chairman of the board, Mr. Bomonjee Dinshaw Petit. The directors' report was as follows :—

The directors now beg to submit their report, together with the audited accounts of the company, for the year ended 31st March last. The premia for the year, after deducting re-insurances and discounts on fire-extinguishing appliances, amount to Rs. 52,922-12-8 and the claims paid to Rs. 18,272-9-9. Notices have been received of other fire claims, which are estimated at Rs. 25,000. The revenue account shows a balance at credit of Rs. 44,365-7-4, from which, however, provision must be made to meet the above-mentioned claims. The board, under these circumstances, do not feel justified in recommending the payment of a dividend, but propose to write off the sum of Rs. 3,000 towards reduction of preliminary expenses and carry forward the balance then remaining, Rs. 41,365-7-4, to next year's account. The business of the company shows a steady advance, and the board believe that, in course of time, it will become remunerative. The paid-up capital of Rs. 5,00,000 appears to be in excess of the requirements of the business, at least as compared with other companies doing a profitable business in the East, and the board are of opinion that the company would derive much benefit if its sphere of business were extended, so as to combine the business of marine insurance with that now carried on by the company. The board consider that marine insurance may be conveniently and advantageously combined with that of fire insurance. The opinion of the shareholders will, however, be solicited on the point at the forthcoming general meeting, and if such opinion is favourable, steps will be taken with a view to effecting the necessary alterations in the memorandum and articles of association as provided for by Act XII. of 1895. The board have to report the resignation of Mr. Dorabji Jamsetji Tata, who proceeded to Europe in April last. The vacancy thus caused has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Ratanji Jamsetji Tata, whose appointment it will be necessary for the shareholders to approve. The directors retiring by rotation are Mr. Sassoon J. David and Mr. Noordin Ebrahim, both of whom are eligible for re-election. It having been found desirable to appoint some of the directors as agents for influencing business to the company, an amendment is deemed necessary to the articles of association in order to provide for such appointments. A special resolution has, therefore, been prepared, and will be submitted to the meeting after the ordinary business has been transacted.

Mr. Forbes, in addressing the meeting, said :—Gentlemen,—The report of the directors sets forth very clearly the position of the company. We have collected some Rs. 53,000 of premia. This amount is, I regret to say, less than I anticipated, but the past year has been a memorable one as regards fire insurance business in Bombay. The large English and Foreign companies having appointed as their agents on very liberal terms nearly all the mill agents in Bombay, this made it very difficult to obtain new business unless one had other business to give in return for it. In fact a system called reciprocation of business has been introduced. Our company had appointed several influential agents with the view of securing business, but here again we were interferred with by the association of fire insurance agents who passed a rule restricting the number of agents we might appoint to two. I think, taking all things into consideration, the company has not done badly. The difficulty was that the association has been continually changing its rules and regulations, and now it is probable that more changes will shortly be introduced. I hope, however, that some definite and workable rules will soon be established, and agents left alone to attend to their business. On the other side of the account I regret to say that there have been several very serious mill fires during the past twelve months, and the company has suffered in consequence. Had it not been for so many of these fires occuring we would have been able to pay a small dividend, but, as matters stand, I think the board are wise in husbanding the resources of the company and not paying away any of its earnings until such time as a substantial reserve fund has been established. You will see that we have suggested that the company enlarge its sphere of operations by combining the business of marine insurance to that of fire, which we now carry on. My attention has been drawn to the very successful operations of the Eastern Insurance Company of Calcutta, managed by Messrs, Jardine, Skinner and Company. This company started a few months before we did, and issued capital to the same extent as we have, namely, twenty-five lakhs of rupees. It has, however, called up only two and a-half lakhs as against our five lakhs. It transacts both fire and marine insurance, and has on only half our paid-up capital, done more than three times as much business, having collected premia to the extent of Rs. 185,000 as against our Rs. 53,000. Their losses paid and outstanding amount to Rs. 52,000 against our Rs. 43,000 nevertheless they are able to show a profit of more than one lakh of rupees, I cannot help thinking that if we increased our income by transacting carefully selected marine business we would soon be able to show results, if not as good as theirs, at any rate much better than what we have hitherto been able to do. If you approve of this suggestion and pass a resolution to that effect, the board will endeavour to have the memorandum of association amended so as to enable to the company to transact marine business. The consent of the High Court is necessary to any alterations in the memorandum of association, but this, we hope, we can obtain under Act XII of 1895. In conclusion, I may say that the business of the company increases steadily. Our earnings for this month show an increase of 50 per cent. over those for the same period last year. Our old risks are generally renewed and almost every day fresh business is obtained. We are, in fact, gradually working up a sound and paying business.

The directors' report and audited accounts were approved, adopted and confirmed. Out of the balance at credit of revenue account, namely Rs. 44,365-7-4, the sum of Rs. 3,000 was written off in reduction of preliminary expenses, and the remaining balance, namely Rs. 41,365-7-4, was carried forward to next year's account. The appointment made by the board of Mr. Ratanjee Jamsetjee Tata as a director of the company in the place of Mr. Dorabji Jamsetjee Tata, resigned, was approved. Mr. Sassoon J. David and Mr. Noordin Ebrahim, who retired by rotation, were re-elected directors. Messrs. Ferguson and Irvine and Mr. Nesserwanjee Sorabjee Jamsetjee were appointed auditors at a remuneration of Rs. 125 each. It was resolved that, in the opinion of this meeting, it will be both convenient and advantageous to confine the business of marine insurance with that now carried on by this company ; and that the board be, and are hereby empowered, to take whatsoever steps may be necessary with a view to the attainment of that object. It was also resolved that article 94 of the articles of association of the company be amended by inserting the word "agents" between the word "secretaries" and the words "or solicitors." The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the chairman, directors and secretaries and agents for their management of the business of the company during the past year. The proceedings ended with the customary compliment to the chairman.

MARCKS AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the company was held yesterday at the registered office, Esplanade Road, Mr. Alex. McKenzie, chairman of the board of directors, presiding. The following was the directors' report :—

The thirteenth annual balance-sheet and statement of profit and loss showing the result of the company's operations for the year ending 28th February, 1898, which the directors have the pleasure of submitting, must be considered satisfactory. The company's stock has been carefully taken by the staff of assistants, and has been verified by the acting manager, liberal allowances having been made for all goods which are considered to have depreciated in value. The amount available for distribution, including balance from last year, is Rs. 81,359-11-1, and your directors recommend that it should be distributed as follows:—I. Depreciation of furniture, fixtures, and workmen's tools, Rs. 1,500 ; II. Dividend at 15 per cent., free of income-tax, Rs. 60,000 ; III Managing director's commission on the above dividend, Rs. 6,000 ; IV. Reserve fund, Rs. 10,000 ; V. Balance to be carried to next year, Rs. 3,859-11-1 ;—total Rs. 81,359-11-1. The dividend to be paid on and after Friday, the 1st July, 1898. Under section 91 of the articles of association of the company, one of the directors, Mr. G. Claridge, retires by rotation, but offers himself for re-election. Mr. F. L. McAfee, the company's auditor, also retires from office, but is eligible for re-election.

The chairman, in addressing the meeting, referred to the satisfactory state of the affairs of the company, remarking that in about a week's time the company would be free of all its debts.

The report and the audited accounts were approved and adopted. A devidend at the rate of Rs. 15 per share was declared. Mr. G. Claridge, who retired by rotation, was re-elected a director. Mr. F. L. McAfee was appointed auditor at a remuneration of Rs. 300 per annum. It was resolved that the some of a month's salary be distributed amongst the employes of the company as the acting manager (Mr. Walter Procter) may suggest and the board approves. The thanks of the shareholders were accorded to the chairman, directors, the managing director, and the acting manager for their able management of the affairs of the company for the past year. A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

BOMBAY GRAIN TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

The ordinary general meeting of the above company, which had been convened for the 4th instant, but which did not take place on that day owing to a want of a quorum, was held yesterday afternoon at the registered office of the company, No. 12, Hummum Street, Fort, Mr. N. S. Glazebrook, chairman of the board of directors, presiding. The directors' report which had been circulated amongst the shareholders, and which has already been published in these columns, was taken as read.

In moving the adoption of the directors' report, together with the audited balance-sheet of profit and loss account, the chairman said that the object of the company was not to make any profits but to alleviate the miseries of the poor, brought on by the famine, and that object had been carried out satisfactorily. The object of the company would have been carried out to greater extent had not those gentlemen, who had promised to their support to the company, left the city on account of the plague. It now only remained for the shereholders to sanction the winding up of the company. There was one point in the directors' report to which the chairman drew the attention of the meeting, and it was this that a sum of Rs. 22,000 had not yet been paid by many of the shareholders although the usual notices had been sent to them to do so. It was now hoped that as the resolution for the winding up of the company having been adopted, those shareholders would come forward and pay their amount as soon as possible to the secretary and treasurer.

The proposition for the adoption of the report having been duly seconded, it was carried unanimously. The next resolution passed by the meeting was that the company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Indian Company's Act, 1882, and that Messrs. Govindji Thakersey Moolji and Narandass Purshotumdass be, and they are hereby appointed, liquidators for the purposes of such winding up. A vote of thanks was also accorded to the directors for their ability and zeal in conducting the affairs of the company. The usual compliments to the chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

THE COUNTERFEIT COIN CASE.

APPLICATIONS FOR BAIL REFUSED.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, applications for bail were made on behalf the seven persons who have been arrested on warrant at the instance of Superintendent Brewin and Sirdar Khan Bahadur Mir Abdoolali for counterfeiting Queen's coin and being in possession of implements of manufacturing coins. Mr. D. D. Davar, barrister-at-law, appeared on behalf of Dossabhoy Rustomji Choksey and Bhuramal ; Mr. Hugh Sealy, pleader, for Lakhabhai Visram ; Mr. Furdunji Sorabji Talyarkhan, barrister-at-law, for Valji Harsoo and Nathoo Bawan ; and Mr. Oonwala, solicitor, for Giva Giga.

Mr. Davar, in making his application, said he was informed that the police had applied for some more warrants in the matter and for a postponement of the case, and he therefore applied that his clients might be released on bail.

Superintendent Brewin observed that he was not going to lead more evidence that day, but evidence tendered on the last occasion showed that the accused were either in the possession of counterfeit coins or dies. The accused were charged with offences which were non-bailable, and he would therefore oppose the application.

Mr. Davar asked if Mr. Brewin considered that the case against Dossabhoy stood on the same footing as against the other prisoners.

The magistrate : If I remember rightly he is concerned in all the four cases.

Mr. Brewin said that counterfeit coins, of the value of Rs. 1,900, were found in his possession, and in consequence of information that he gave to the police they had wired to Delhi, where four other men had been arrested in connection with the matter. He (Mr. Brewin) had come there to ask for warrants to bring them down to Bombay.

Mr. Davar remarked that his client had given an honest version of the matter, and his books had been taken possession of by Mr. Brewin and Sirdar Mir Abdool Ali. He was a very respectable man, and carried on his business in the broad daylight. He had a factory for certain purposes of his own. He was prepared to give any bail. He had been most helpful to the police in conducting the present inquiry, for which the police ought to feel grateful to him.

Mr. Brewin remarked that whatever might be the scope of his gratitude towards him, he stood upon law. The accused were charged, under section 235 of the Penal Code, with being in possession of counterfeit coins, and the offence was non-bailable.

Mr. Davar contended that under section 497 the magistrate could exercise his discretion and liberate any person on bail in a non-bailable case. The coins were used by Marwari women as ornaments, and as they had certain cabalistic signs on them they were considered to bring good luck to those who wore them on their persons. They had evidence to show that the coins had never been sold upon silver value of the quantity employed. Moreover, they had not been in currency, and they had never been exchanged for copper or silver coins or currency notes. It was not a case in which there was no reasonable hope of proper explanation. His client as well as the other accused had taken steps to bring down a large quantity of ornaments to show that they were not used as current coins. His client Dossabhoy was simply a commission agent and made very little profit out of the business.

Mr. Brewin said that profit accruing from these coins was 30 per cent., but he did not know what was the share of the accused Dossabhoy.

Mr. Davar said that Dossabhoy's share was only two and a-half per cent. The main question was whether they were Queen's coins, and they said that was not so. The accused worked their factory in broad daylight.

The magistrate : What was that factory for ?

Mr. Davar explained that it was a factory for manufacturing silver wares, where gold and silver bars were divided and sub-divided for the purpose of exportation. Many of the banks and shroffs employed the accused for that purpose.

Similar applications for bail were then made on behalf of the other accused by their respective advocates.

Mr. Sealy drew attention of the court to a case in which one Jaka Vijanand was charged with similar offence for being in possession of Farrukhabad coins, and the prosecution failed when the case came up for hearing before the Bombay High Court.

Mr. Brewin said that this happened ten years ago, and since then the law had been altered.

The magistrate, in disposing of the applications, refused to grant bail, and postponed all the cases to Friday next.

THE FOREIGN SERVICE.

THE following notification has been issued :—

The Governor-General in Council has had under consideration the procedure connected with the selection of junior military officers for the Political Department of the Government of India and for the Berar Commission. It has been the practice for candidates to send in applications direct to the Secretary in the Foreign Department ; and usually all such applications have been accepted. The number of names so registered had recently risen to about 200. The vacancies occurring in the Political Department do not ordinarily exceed an average of three a year, while only one military officer a year is, on the average, nominated to the Berar Commission. A revision of the present system appears therefore highly desirable with the objects.—

(i) of preventing, as far as possible, the entertainment of hopes which can never be realised ; and
(ii) of obtaining fuller information regarding applicants before their names are registered.

The Governor-General in Council is therefore pleased to publish the following Rules for General information :

I. For the future all applications by military officers for political employ should be sumitted officially through the proper channels with information in the forms published herewith. Such applications will be considered in the Foreign Department, and the candidate will be duly informed, through the military authorities, whether his name has or has not been registered. Officers are not eligible for appointment to the Political Department, nor are they to submit applications for such employment, until they have passed all the prescribed examinations for admission to the Staff Corps. The name of an accepted candidate for the Political Department will be removed from the list, if he obtains any other permanent extra regimental employ, e.g., in the Bombay Political Department or in the Military Accounts Department.

II. The names of officers with more than 7 year's service will be struck off the existing list of candidates. In future names will ordinarily be removed from the list when the candidate completes seven years' army service or attains the age of twenty-seven years.

Urdu and Hindi.
Persian.
Pashtu.
Arabic.
Russian.

III. In making selections, much weight will be given to linguistic attainments, especially in the languages marginally cited.

IV. A military officer selected for the Political Department will be attached, for at least one year, to one of the provinces, as a supernumerary Assistant Commissioner and will be required to pass the tests prescribed for Assistant Commissioners in Law, Revenue and Treasury, or modified forms of those tests. On passing the required tests, which will include examination in a few selected books on political subjects, the officer will, when the course of preliminary training is completed, be posted to an appointment in the Political Department, and will be seconded in his regiment ; but his employment in the Department will be regarded as probationary for a further period of two years, during which, in order to become eligible for confirmation, his retention must be recommended by the senior political authority under whom he has been serving, in terms and on grounds which are accepted as sufficient by the Government of India in the Foreign Department.

V. The above procedure and rules apply, "mutatis mutandis," to military candidates for employment in the Berar Commission, but subject to the following modifications :—

(i) The limits of age and army service will be 30 and 12 years, respectively.

(ii) The only language to which special importance will be attached is Marathi.

(iii) (a) The Departmental Examination by the Lower Standard must be passed within eighteen months from the date on which the officer joins the Commission.

(b) Failure to so pass by the Lower Standard will render the officer liable to be at once reverted to his regiment, but the Resident at Hyderabad may, in special cases and on public grounds, direct his temporary retention for a further period of probation.

(c) The Departmental Examination by the Higher Standard must be passed within three years of the date on which an officer joins the Commission. The report of his having thus passed will be submitted to the Government of India in the Foreign Department, accompanied by an expression of the Resident's opinion as to the probationer's general qualifications for civil employ. If this opinion is favourable and is accepted by the Government of India the officer will be at once confirmed in the Commission, and his name will be struck (Article 280, Army Regulations India, Vol. I. Part I.) off the strength of his regiment with effect from the date on which he passed by the Higher Standard.

(d) If an officer fails to pass by the Higher Standard within three years of joining the Commission, his services will be immediately replaced at the disposal of the military authorities.

VI. Nothing in the present Resolution is intended to interfere in any way with the absolute discretion of the Governor-General in Council to select for political employ, without reference to age or length of service, any officer whom he may consider specially qualified therefor.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

(*Bombay Government Gazette*, May 26.)

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

H H the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint the Hon Mr Justice H l Parsons, I C S, Bar-at-Law, to act as Chief Justice of H M's High Court of Judicature, Bombay, during the absence on leave of the Hon Sir Charles F Farran, Knight Bar-at-Law.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments vice Lieut J L Harrington, deputed on special duty to Abyssinia :—Capt J W B Merewether to act as third Asst Political Resident, Aden, Lieut N S Coghill to act as fourth Asst Political Resident, Aden, Lt C F Harold to act as fifth Asst Political Resident, Aden, and Mr W M Jones to act as sixth Asst Political Resident, Aden.

Mr R M Kennedy, I C S, on special duty in the Political Dept, is granted furlough for six months from the 1st June 1898.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased, to cancel the appointment of Major G B O'Donnell, B A, Oxon, to be Second Asst to the Political Agent, Kathiawar, and all the appointments below that, and to appoint Major M T Lyde, to be Second Asst to the Political Agent, Kathiawar.

Rao Bahadur Kalianrai Damodarrai, fifth grade Depy Asst Political Agent, Kathiawar, is granted privilege leave for two months.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr P R Cadell, I C S, to act as Sindhi Translator to Govt vice Mr J Sladen, I C S.

Mr C H Brierley held charge of the office of Supt, Yeravda Central Prison, from the 8th to the 16th April 1898, both days inclusive, in addition to his own duties.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W J Holland to act as Supt of Police, Southern Maratha Railway, in addition to his own duties as Dist Supt of Police, Dharwar, during the absence of Mr F H Warden.

Mr W R Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, Bombay, is granted furlough for six months.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Rao Bahadur Chunilal Maneklal, first class Subordinate Judge under the Dekkhan Agriculturists' Relief Act for the districts of Poona and Satara, to be Joint first class Subordinate Judge at Satara, in addition to his own duties pending further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments during the absence on leave of Mr W R Hamilton, Bar-at-law, or pending further orders :—Mr W C Webb, Bar-at-Law, third Presidency Magistrate, to act as second Presidency Magistrate, and Mr Phiroze Hoshang Dastur, M A Bomb, fourth Presidency Magistrate, to act as third Presidency Magistrate.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr C G H Fawcett, I C S, to act as Under Secy to Govt in the Political, Judicial and Legislative Depts add Secy to the Council of H E the Governor for Making Laws and Regulations from the date Mr S L Batchelor, I C S, gives over charge of the appointment, and to confirm him in that appointment from the date Mr Batchelor proceeds on furlough.

Mr H F Aston, I C S, Dist Judge, Satara, is allowed furlough for six months from the 3rd June 1898.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr L C Crump, I C S, to act as Judge and Sessions Judge, Satara, during the absence on leave of Mr H F Aston, Bar-at-Law, I C S.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments of Subordinate Judges.—Rao Saheb Subbaji Sheshgir Phadnis, second class Subordinate Judge of Murbad, to be second class Subordinate Judge of Sangola and Malsiras, and Mr Jivanlal Mohanlal Shukla, B A, LL B Bom, to act as second class, fourth grade, Subordinate Judge, Murbad, pending further orders.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr A K Cama, B A, LL B, I C S, to be Asst Collr, Bijapur.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W L Lake to act as fourth class Asst Collr of Salt Revenue vice Mr W F Jardine and during the absence of Mr F J A Hill.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Rao Saheb Raghunath Vasudev Dashputre to act as Dist Depy Collector, Satara, during the absence on leave of Rao Bahadur Bhaskarrao Ramchandra Hebllkar or pending further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr O S F Crofton, B A, Cantab, I C S, to be Asst Collr, Poona.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments :—Mr R A L Moore, I C S, to do duty as Collr and Dist Magte, Nasik, and Mr J McNeill, I C S, to act as Collr and Dist Magte, Surat, vice Mr R A L Moore, I C S.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Rao Bahadur Ramchandra Narayan Joglekar to act as Huzur Depy Collr, Ahmednagar, during the absence of Rao Bahadur Venkatesh Bapuji Vadekar on leave.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments :—Mr S M Edwardes, I C S, to be Asst to the Collr of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, Bombay, and Mr G Monteath, I C S, to be Asst Collr, Thana.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments :—Mr A S A Westropp, I C S, on return to duty, to be Asst Collr, Dharwar, and Mr F G H Anderson, I C S, on relief by Mr Westropp, to be Asst Collr, Ahmednagar.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint, Rao Bahadur Venkatrao Dattatraya Yennemadi to do duty as Depy Collr, Belgaum, until the return from leave of Mr L G Deshmukh, when he should proceed to do duty as Depy Collr in the Kanara Dist.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments :—On the return of Mr W E Young from furlough, Mr W E Young to act as first Asst Collr of Customs, Mr W Almon to act as second Asst, Mr H Crawford to revert to his substantive post of third Asst, Mr Rustom P Jehangir to continue to act as fourth Asst, Mr Fazalullah Latfullah to continue to act as fifth Asst, Mr R J Sharman to act as Asst Collr of Abkari and Mr A Walker reverting to his non-gazetted appointment in the Customs Dept.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments :—Rao Bahadur Narayan Krishna Thanedar to be Huzur Depy Collr, Kolaba, during the absence on leave of Rao Bahadur Motilal Chunilal or pending further orders and Rao Saheb Becharlal Jivanlal Sayed to act as Huzur Depy Collr, Kaira.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased, to appoint to be Surveyors and examiner for the purpose of the Indian Steam Ships Act, 1884

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Rev C Mayhew, Junior Chaplain Bombay Ecclesiastical Estabt, has been granted by the Secy of State for India a further extension of furlough on Medical certificate for five months.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following appointments during the absence on leave of Khan Saheb Sidikali Fredunbeg Mirza, B A (Bom), or pending further orders :—Rao Saheb Chaturbhuj Lalchand Ojha to act as Deputy Educational Inspector, Karachi, Rao Saheb Bulchand Kodumal Jagtiani, B A, Bom, to act as Depy Educational Inspr, Hyderabad and Mr Khubchand Jethmal Chainani, B A, Bombay, to act as Deputy Educational Inspr, Shikarpur.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Surgn Major J Crimmin, V C, is allowed furlough on medical certificate for six months.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr S L Batchelor, I C S, to be Second Asst from the date he proceeds on furlough.

The Hon Mr A Wingate C I E, I C S, Plague Commissioner, Bombay Presidency and Joint Secy to Govt in charge of the Plague Branch of the General Depart, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months and twenty-five days.

Assit Surgn Erachji Sheriarji Bharucha, L M and S, is allowed privilege leave of absence for two months.

Temporary Asst Surgn Pandurang Gopal, G G M C, has been appointed to the Medical charge of Mrs Pascol DeSouza Dispensary at Uran.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr A L M Wood, I C S, to be Chief Inspr of Factories for the Town and Island of Bombay.

H E the Governor in Council has been pleased to appoint Miss C Ferreira, L M & S, to act as House Surgeon, Pestonji Hormusji Kama Hospital for Women and Children, Bombay, with effect from 28th Feby 1898, during the absence of Miss Phillips on leave.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT (PLAGUE).

The service of Lieut H A Kennedy, British Infantry, are replaced at the disposal of the Govt of India.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr A Cumine, I C S to act as Plague Commissioner, Bombay Presidency, and Joint Secy to Govt, in Charge of the Plague Branch of the General Dept, during the absence on leave of the Hon Mr A Wingate, C I E, I C S, or pending further orders.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

On return from privilege leave Lieut, F M Westropp, R E, is appointed to act as Ex Engr, Ahmednagar, pending further orders.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to promote Mr Kaikhosru Sorabji Framji, B A, L C E, Apprentice Engr, to the rank of Ass Engr, 3rd grade, Provincial Service, with effect from 21st March 1898.

MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS, &c.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Governor in Council is pleased to appoint Mr Chhaganlal Motiram Depy to be Clerk of the Court of Small Causes at Surat vice Mr Behramjee Rustamji Sanjana, promoted

BY THE COMMISSIONERS.

Central Division.

Mr Ramchandra Damodhar Sathe Head Karkun of taluka Purandhar in the Poona Dist, is appointed to act as Mamlatdar of the same taluka during the absence of Rao Saheb Balkrishna Mahadeo Chitale on one month's privilege leave.

Mr Vishnu Narayan Marathe, acting Depy Accountant in the Poona Collector's office, is appointed to act as Head Accountant in the same office during the absence of Rao Saheb Shrinivas Raghvendra Gangasamudra on one months privilege leave

BY THE COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS

The following postings of Asst Collrs of Salt Revenue have been ordered—Mr E H Aitken to the Uran Range, and Mr W L Lake to the Ratnagiri Range

BY THE CONSERVATORS OF FORESTS

Southern Circle

Mr N D Satarawala, extra Asst Consvr of Forests, Working Plans, S C, is allowed privilege leave of absence for thirty days

PURELY PERSONAL.

THE Queen will entertain this summer quite a number of her grandchildren, including the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, who will probably make a considerable stay in England, for the latter's health was very much shaken during the weeks of anxiety and distress suffered by her last year. Princess Sophia of Prussia is thought in the Royal family to resemble in character her aunt, the late Grand Duchess of Hesse. She is very conscientious, and though she will not be thirty for two years, gives up a great portion of her time to charitable work. It was entirely owing to her efforts that the Greek wounded were tended and cared for in an adequate manner. She is devoted to her husband, and felt deeply the the strictures passed on his conduct during the progress of the Greco Turkish war,

It is not improbablo that the German Empress. after her stay at Homburg, will go to Scotland for a considerable portion of the summer. The air of Deeside is famed among all the Queen's numerous descendanns for it ls recuperative qualities. The Queen has placed Abergeldie Castle at the disposal of her Royal granddaughter; who wonld, in case she occupied the house, bring her own household with her, as well as a large staff of servants from Potsdam. Abergeldie was, for some years after their marriage, one of the favourite homes of the Prince and Princess of Wales. It was there that they first made the intimate acquaintauce of their future son-in-law, the Earl of Fife, then an Eton schoolboy. His mother, the Countee of Fife, organised several picnics for the Princess, with whmo see formed an intimacy which laited till her death The Prince of Wales sold Abergeldie to the Queen some years ago, and he now owns no land in Scotland but it is an open secret that the Queen has so arranged her affairs that Balmoral will always be the personal property of the reigniug sovereign.

Princess Victoria of Wales shares the Duchess of Fife's love for her country, and she has several times elected to stay at home when her parents were abroad. Now that Princess Charles of Denmark spends half the year at Copenhagen, the Princess of Wales has yet another inducement to pay frequent visits to Denmark. The Princess is a very good sailor, and she is said to always look forward to the Cowes week with special pleasure. She does not take any interest in racing; in fact, she never saw a racecourse until she had been married some time.

There is a movement on foot in Warwickshire to make a presentation to Lord Leigh, who is, of course, Lord-Lieutenant, and Lady Leigh, in celebration of their golden wedding in August next, and the proposal is being very heartily taken up in the country. The intention is to have Lord Leigh's portrait painted and placed in the Judge's lodgings at Warwick, and at the same time to make a suitable present to Lady Leigh. Her ladyship is one of the Grosvenors, and both she and Lord Leigh are held in the very highest regard in Warwickshire.

Sir Henry Drummond Wolff has at last ruturned to his post. Ill-health has kept him all too long away from madrid. At a critical time like this it would have been little short of a scandal had Great Britain been unrepresented in the Spanish capital. Sir Henry does not particularly like Madrid, and the climate certainly does not agree with him. For some time past there have been rumours anent his resignation but although unable to fulfil his duties, he has clung to office. But, to be quite fair, the Government have not been very anxious to replace Sir Henry, chiefly on the ground that the right man for the post is not to hand.

An odd story has gone the rounds of the Press to the effect that the Queen's anxiety regarding Mr. Gladstone's health, which caused her to require two telegraphic reports every day during his illness is not based solely on reasons of State. Many years ago, the story runs, the Queen and Prince Albert were walking unattended on a country road, and passed a gipsy camp. Prince Albert laughingly suggested that they should have their fortunes told, and the approahed the camp. An old woman appeared, and looked first at the hand of the Prince, but the first glance made her drop it, and she refused to tell what she saw, saying: You live with the sun, but the dark will soon deepen. Then her Majesty's palm was offered. The gipsy looked and then knelt. I am in the presence of one who is great in this world, she said, and I give you homage, though I know not whom you are. Your days shall be long, but sorrow will not spare you, and when your end comes there will be a falling stone. It is said that her Majesty has occasionally referred to the prophecy, and now believes that Gladstone is the stone indicated, and that her death and his will not be far apart.

Have sportsmen had much to do with building up the British Empire? Colonel Pollock thinks they have. Foreigners, he remarks, say that wherever Englishmen travel the cry is "Let us go and kill something." This alludes, of course, to our love of sport, and they rather laugh at our enthusiasm for slaying the fare nature, but I attribute two-thirds of our acquired possessions to the innate love of sport in the breasts of our islanders. Our pioneers have generally been men in search of game.

One learns with regret that Mr. Clifford Harrison, whose recitations with music have been for a number of years a much-appreciated feature of London entertainments, has a lung trouble which may render work of that kind impossible. So he has pluckily found a fresh outlet for his energies. It is to pen-drawing that he has turned his attention, and at the Graves Galleries he is showing a collection of threescore or more drawings done with the pen, some in black and some in brown ink, on white and on tinted card. Mr. Harrison has selected some pleasant places—Norwich, Chester, Whitby, Cannes, Vevey, Berne, and other spots rich in the picturesque—and his portrayals are in some instances effective enough, as in Mist and Gleam in the High Mountains; but one looks in vain for any real mastery of line or distinction of motive. The tones are produced by mere multiplicity of lines crossing and recrossing one another; the result being what the young ladies call etchings.

Princess Henry of Prussia, is coming to England with her two children for a stay of several months, Prince Henry's racing cutter "L'Esperance had commenced fitting out at Southampton; but fresh orders have been received, and she is now laid up and will not be again in commission until the season of 1900, as Prince Henry is not expected to return to Europe for nearly two years.

Madame Adelina Patti must be following events in Cuban waters with no little interest. It was in Cuba that she sang in public for the first time in her life when she was only fourteen years of age and still under the care of her father. The family was very poor, and had placed all its hopes on the miraculous voice of little Adelina, whom, however, they did not dare to produce in public on account of her youth. The opportunity came one day at a concert organised, by the Filarmonia of Cuba, and though the debutante was awkward, timid, and inexperienced, her success was complete. The audience insisted on an encore, and applauded the young singer deliriously. Mlle. Patti was immediately christened "the wonderful child' by the tuneful Cubans, and thus began the prima donna's brilliant career.

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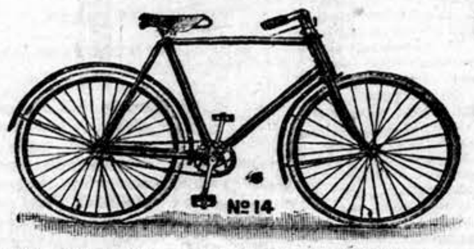

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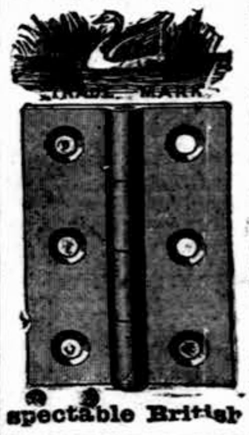

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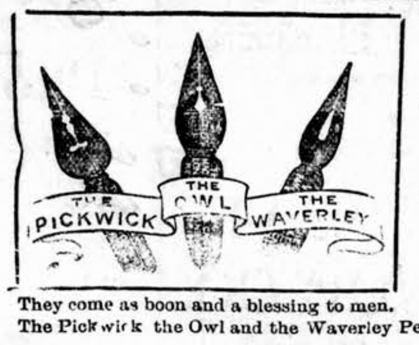

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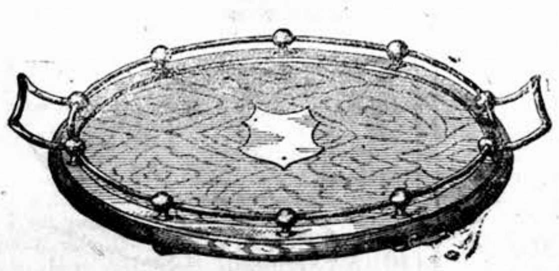

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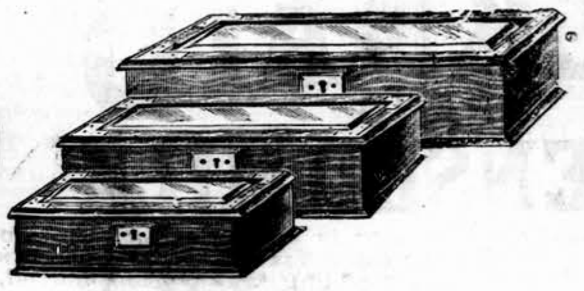

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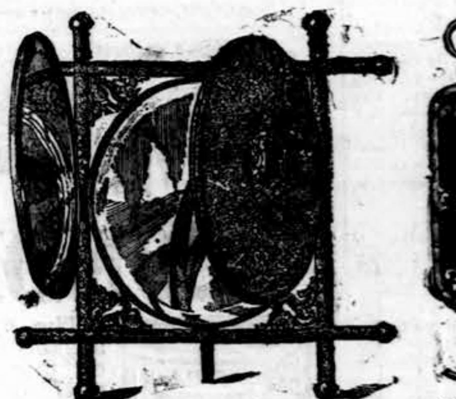

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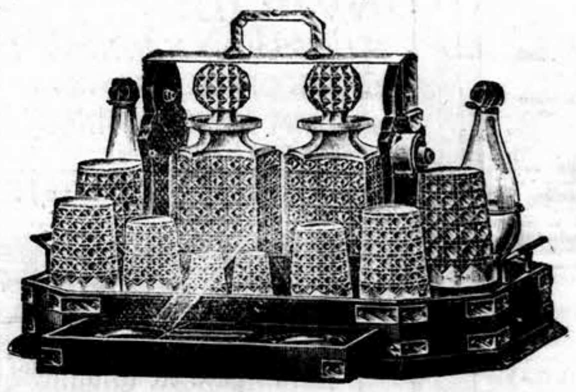

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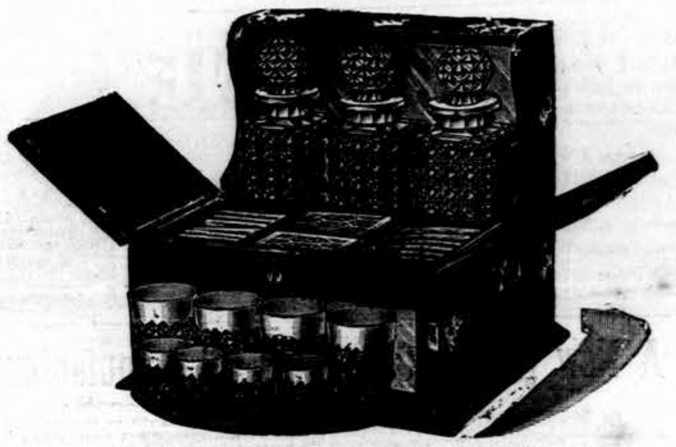

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